

EPHESIANS 4:23 (TLB)

INTRODUCTION: We know our attitudes and thoughts must change for the better. How can we promote this transformation in our lives. There is no magic wand to wave or genie in a bottle to grant our wish. There are two powerful forces that can help us achieve the success we desire.

THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT – 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (AMPC)

1. The Word.
 - A. **HEBREWS 4:12** – God’s Word is powerful and life changing. Our minds must be renewed to it in order to promote change in our attitudes and in the way we think. **ROMANS 12:2**
2. The Spirit.
 - A. The spirit is the divine agent of change. This is a reference to Moses’ face being veiled so the people couldn’t see the glory fading from his face.
 - B. We can look upon God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ and be changed by it from one degree of glory to another.

THE ATTITUDE OF FAITH – 1 SAMUEL 17:44-47

Faith involves more than having a positive mental attitude. Faith must always have an object. Goliath believed in himself, his size, his ability and training. David believed in his God and the power of His name. Both had faith and both were positive.

THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH

1. Belief in self is faith in humanism.
2. Belief in circumstances is faith in natural providence.
3. Belief in positive thinking is faith in mind over matter.
 - A. The problem is that all these can fail us.
 - B. Faith that never fails is based on someone who never fails.
4. Belief in God is faith in His ability and power.
 - A. **EPHESIANS 3:20** – His ability and power transcend human thinking.
 - Travel to the Sun by car at 60 mph non stop – 177 years
 - Travel by space ship at 25,000 mph non stop – 5 months.
 - God spoke the Sun into being and controls it with words. He’s bigger than the box “limited thinking” confines Him to.
 - B. **DANIEL 3** – The perfect example of a faith attitude.
 - **V17** – Their faith was in God’s ability and willingness to use it on their behalf.
 - **V19** – The king’s faith was in a hotter furnace, why?
 - **V26-29** – Witnessing God’s power changed his attitude.
 - **1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5** – We’ve been delivered from the hottest furnace.
 - C. **EZEKIEL 37:1-10**
 - Circumstances can’t get worse than what Ezekiel saw. He doesn’t see troubled marriages, financial, physical or emotional challenges. He sees death and scattered bones.
 - He speaks to the dry bones and they come together and form the skeleton. The ashes find the right skeleton and bodies come back to life.
 - Sarah at 90 was told she would have a son because nothing is too hard for the Lord.
 - Jeremiah was asked “is there anything too hard for me?”
 - Gabriel told Mary “with God nothing shall be impossible.”
 - Jesus said “with God all things are possible.”

CONCLUSION: Change doesn’t come by wishful thinking, it comes by looking into God’s Word and inviting the Holy Spirit to transform our lives!