

CHANGE THAT LASTS

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I. John 3:1-7

A. 6 “D’s” to Change that Lasts:

1. Discovery
2. Desire
3. Decision
4. Direction
5. Discipline
6. Delight

II. Spiritual - The most important change - Eternal

A. John 3:1-7

1. V2 - “God is with him”
 - a) Mark 10:27 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."
 - b) Luke 6:43-45 43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit..."
2. V3 - **Need to change addressed**
 - a) Born again — anew from above
 - b) 2 Cor 5:17 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new
3. V4 - Staying Pliable - changing with age
4. V5 - Jesus' response for clarity
 - a) Water - natural birth of a woman; ex: water breaks.
 - b) Spirit - spiritual birth
5. V6-7 - Must be born again
 - a) Acts 17:30-31 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
 - (1) Repent - *metanoeo* - to think differently afterwards; to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness

III. Col 3:1 - 6 “D’s” to Change that Lasts

A. 1st “D” Discovery-

1. **Discovery** - You have to see the need to change. See the error of where you are and/or the benefit of where you are going.
 - a) The **truth** of your current condition measured against where you know you need to be.
2. **V1 - Raised** - *sunegeiro* - To rouse from death; to cause to live again (born again) with others, together. With who?
 - a) **Eph 2:4-9**

B. 2nd “D” for Change That Lasts - Desire

1. **V1 - Seek** - To desire to have or experience something, with the probable implication of making an attempt to realize one's desire
 - a) **Desire** - You have to want to; You can discover that you need to change but there has to be the desire. That has to come from within you.

C. 3rd “D” - Decision

1. **V2** -
 - a) **Set your mind** - To fix one's attention on something with thoughtful planning.
 - b) **Make a Decision** - No one can decide for you. At some point you have to make a choice to change. Power of choice

D. 4th “D” - Direction - You have to know where you going, a plan, focus or purpose

1. **V2** - On things above, not on things on the earth

E. 5th “D” - Discipline -

1. **V3** - For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God
2. **1 Cor 15:31** 31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

F. 6th “D” - Delight - If the delight in what we are going to is not greater than what we are leaving we will not move forward

1. **V4** - When Christ who is our life appears
 - a) When what you can't see yet becomes more of a delight than what you can Change will last