

CHANGE

Psalm 55:19 ... "God will hear, and afflict them. Even he who abides from of old. Because they do not change, therefore they do not fear God."

Many people hate change even if the reasons for changing are important. Some refuse to change their diet when they acquire diabetes or heart disease, others refuse to stop smoking when they get lung cancer, and still others refuse to stop driving when their vision dims. I sometimes resist change. I like my routines. I like predictability. But I often must change my behavior, ideas, and habits when they create problems for my health, my relationships (with people and God), or my work.

You will fail as a servant of God if you resist change, because change is the most important thing that should happen to you after you accept Christ. We say you do not have to change to become a Christ follower, but you will change after you follow him. You probably did not become born again because your former life was perfect, ideal, prosperous, healthy and full of joy. Most people come to Christ because of pain they are experiencing, hardships that hold them back, grief that weighs them down, emotions they cannot control, the bleakness of their future, or the absence of love. Most people become believers because they do not have all the answers; because they do not know where else to turn; because they have needs only God can meet.

If you are a believer and you are resisting the changes that God instructs you to make, then you are cheating yourself out a full and abundant relationship with Christ. And, in so doing, you are also cheating those around you because your disobedience affects others, especially your family and close friends. If you are resisting changes the Holy Spirit is guiding you toward, your rejection of his guidance could be affecting your health, productivity, peace of mind, even your coworkers and employees. While God accepts you just as you are when you confess your sins, repent, and accept him as your Savior, he then expects you to listen to his Holy Spirit and begin the journey to adjust your lifestyle, habits and behaviors so you can grow in your relationship with Christ and become the person he created you to be. God inspired change is the secret to becoming all that you can be.

Today's verse suggests that those who do not change and adopt God's ways, do not fear God, which is rejection of God. I would not want my resistance to change, to result in breaking my fellowship with God. Would you?

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