

GOOD CHANGE. BAD CHANGE.

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 - There is a way to exchange good behavior for bad behavior that makes you worse. (Mt. 23:15)

Why Do We Want To Change?

- “So that I’ll be _____ by others.”
 - “Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.” (Prov. 27:14)
- “So I can be _____.”
- “Because if I don’t, I’ll _____ myself.”

Four Characteristics of Godly Change...

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 - We have to agree with God about the weight of our sin.
 - We have to hate the sin itself, not just its _____.
2. _____ for God and His glory. (Ps. 51:4)
 - Our sin is wicked because it defames God’s glory, not because it can make life inconvenient.
3. Joy in God’s
 - _____ (Ps. 16:11. Js. 4:8, Jn. 14:21)
 - The greatest gift God could ever give you is Himself!
 - _____ (2 Pet. 1:8; Eph. 2:10)
4. Trust in God’s _____. (Rom. 12:1; Tit. 2:11-12)
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- “Because if I don’t, I’ll hate myself.”

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