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STEP 5: Voluntarily submit to every change that God wants to make in my life, humbly asking Him to remove my character defects.

...Because of God's mercy... offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him...and let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. **Romans 12:1-2 GNB**

? **WHERE DO MY CHARACTER DEFECTS COME FROM?**

- My _____
- My _____
- My _____

? **WHY IS IT SO HARD TO CHANGE THEM?**

- _____ - Because I've had them so long

"How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered... "if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." **Mark 9:21-22 NIV**

- _____ - Because I identify myself with them.

God said to Moses: I am the eternal God. So tell them that the LORD, whose name is "I Am," has sent you... **Exodus 3:14 CEV**

Note: God is the only "I AM" being, you and I are to become!

- _____ - Because they have a pleasurable side.

By faith Moses... chose to be mistreated with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. **Hebrews 11:24-26 NIV**

- _____ - Because Satan fights against me.

For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age. **Ephesians 6:12 GNB**

? **WHAT CAN I DO TO SPEED UP GOD'S CHANGE PROCESS?**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. **Romans 12:2 NLT**

1. BY FOCUSING ON _____ AT A TIME.

An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions. **Proverbs 17:24 GNB**

2. BY FOCUSING ON _____ AT A TIME.

Give us this day our daily bread... **Matthew 6:11 NIV**

Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today. **Matthew 6:34 CEV**

3. BY FOCUSING ON _____, NOT MY _____.

... you cannot do anything without me. **John 15:5 CEV**

BUT...

I can master anything with the help of Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 JB

4. BY FOCUSING ON MY _____ NOT MY _____.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19 NIV**

5. BY FOCUSING ON _____ GOOD, NOT _____ GOOD.

...walk in the Spirit, and let the Spirit bring order to your life. If you do, you will never give in to your selfish and sinful cravings. **Galatians 5:16 VOICE**

6. BY FOCUSING ON _____ PEOPLE NOT _____ PEOPLE.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. **Proverbs 27:1 NIV**

Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you. **1 Corinthians 15:33 CEV**

7. BY FOCUSING ON MY _____ NOT _____.

God who began the good work in you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task with you is finally finished. **Philippians 1:6 TLB**

Notes:

Reflecting on today's message...

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?
