

## See Yourself as God Sees You

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The business world has long ago discovered that a man will never rise above his self image. The image he forms of himself will cause him to either succeed or fail in life.

It is not so much what or who he is that determines his fate in life, but what or who he imagines himself to be.

It is not the things that happen to a person in life that cause him or her to fail or succeed, but ***what he believes about the things that happen to him.***

Sometimes one success or failure forms an image inside that individual that governs his outlook on life and everything that happens to him.

### Distorted Image

Many Christians believe God is against them because of previous failures. Their self-image has been distorted by condemnation of the devil. They have become deceived in their own imagination.

They think negatively. They believe negatively, and they talk negatively.

Their tongue deceives their heart.

They will be crippled for life unless they find the knowledge of the truth, for it is the ***knowledge*** of truth that sets men free.

God's Word is that truth.

When the knowledge of truth is received, then they must be a doer of that truth.

By doing what the Word says., thinking as God thinks and seeing yourself as God sees you, you allow God's Word to build your self-image.

By getting into the Word of God, you can see yourself the way God sees you. He sees you as you will be after the Word does a work in you. He calls things that are not as though they were until they are.

### Sons ***NOW***

**1 John 3:2:** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

God says we are His sons now. ***We're more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*** To be more than conquerors means we can enjoy the conquest without doing all the fighting.

Some things you must do, but some things Jesus has already done for you. You simply have to rest and believe in what He has already done.

God's Word says we are more than conquerors, and greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

### **Pressure Distorts Image**

James describes a person who is a hearer of the Word and not a doer. He is like a man that hears who he is, but does not speak his faith and never establishes that image within himself.

He walks away from the Word with joy, but when the circumstances of life slap him in the face, he says, "Oh why does this happen to me?" "Why me Lord?" He has forgotten what manner of man he was.

**James 1:23-25:** Anyone who listens to the word but does not what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it-- not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do.

While he was reading God's word and had the word before His eyes, he thought, "Glory to God! Just let me get at the devil!" But then he walked off and forgot everything he had heard, because he did not establish that image by **confessing** the word.

The word preached gives you a glimpse of who you really are in Christ. But it takes time to establish that image within you. ***If you don't get it down inside you, it will fade away.***

Unless you act immediately on God's word and put it into motion in your life, the devil will steal it from you when you get out there and have to face the circumstances of life.

This is what happens to a lot of Christians. They come to a meeting and get so high that they can almost fly home without an airplane. But when they get home, they have to face the everyday situations of life, away from all those of like faith.

Example: (Being in the Charis bubble)

The image that God puts in His word is the image you should have of yourself. ***You must have the image God has of you if you expect to fulfill the place He has designed for you in the Kingdom.***

You must believe it when you face the circumstances of life.

### **Flesh Can Be Trained**

**2 Corinthians 10:2,3:** But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

Some may say, "I'm afraid I'll get in the flesh." We have been deceived into believing that our flesh is sinful and that we always have to be beating the flesh to death. But the flesh is not necessarily sinful. Your body will do anything you train it to do.

If you receive the right images, you'll be surprised about what your body will do to fall in line with that. Your words are so important when it comes to getting your body in line with the image. Your words have everything to do with making the image a part of you.

### **Wrong imaginations Distorts Image**

**2 Corinthians 10:4-6:** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Let's focus on verse 5: "casting down imaginations, and **every** high thing that comes against God's knowledge."

You must cast down the imaginations that put an image inside you that is contrary to what God's word says. Get rid of it! Quit trying to see yourself as a poor sinner saved by grace!

That is one thing that has held many in bondage for years.

### **Developing A New Image**

**2 Corinthians 5:17:** If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, **all things** have become new.

**All things** are new in the realm of the spirit. We know the body didn't physically change in appearance.

We must realize that we're not sinners saved by grace. **We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ**, and we can be filled with the knowledge of God's will ----- **if we'll study the word of God.**

We have the Greater One within us. We are strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, if we believe the word, for we are new creations in Christ.

If we were old sinners saved by grace, then we'd keep sinning. The Bible gives several examples of that. (It talks about a dog returning to his vomit and the hog to his wallowing in the mire.

Grace has changed me. Grace through faith changed me. **I became a new creation.** I began to see myself differently. I had different desires. **I had a new spirit.**