

Stepping Into...

“A Transformed Life”

“Real transformation requires real honesty. If you want to move forward – get real with yourself.”

Bryant McGill

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1. God Triggers a Desire to Understand

1 Kings 10:1-3 NLT

¹ When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, which brought honour to the name of the LORD, **she came to test him with hard questions.** ² She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of attendants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about **everything she had on her mind.** ³ Solomon had answers for all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her.

2. Weaknesses of the Human Mind

a) **Vulnerable to Spiritual Blindness**: 2 Cor 4:4 NLT

⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, **has blinded the minds of those who don't believe**. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.

b) **Vulnerable to Deception**: 2 Cor 11:3 NLT

³ But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.

c) **Vulnerable to Human Reason**: Matt 16:23 NLT

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are **seeing things merely from a human point of view**, not from God's."

“Studies have shown that 90% of error in thinking is due to error in perception. If you can change your perception, you can change your emotion, and this can lead to new ideas.”

Edward de Bono

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3. God's Process of Transformation

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

¹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, **I plead with you** to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. **This is truly the way to worship him.**

² **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.** Then you will **learn to know God's will for you,** which is good and pleasing and perfect.

4. God Inspired Human Thinking...

a) To Receive Revelation Luke 24:45 NIV

⁴⁵ Then **he opened their minds** so they could understand the Scriptures.

b) To Develop a New Nature Eph. 4:23 NLT

²³ Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts** and attitudes.

c) To Know God's Wisdom Prov. 2:6 NLT

For **the Lord grants wisdom!** From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

5. God Answers our Questions...

1 Kings 10:6-7,9 NLT

⁶ She exclaimed to the king, “Everything I heard in my country about your achievements and wisdom is true!

⁷ I didn’t believe what was said until I arrived here and saw it with my own eyes. In fact, I had not heard the half of it! Your wisdom and prosperity are far beyond what I was told.

⁹ Praise the Lord your God, who delights in you and has placed you on the throne of Israel...”

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