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Part 11

**Contagious Spiritual
Transformation**

James 1:2 - NLT

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James 1:3 - NLT

For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

James 1:4 - NLT

So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

James 1:2 - MSG

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Spiritual Transformation

A profound and permanent change in one's character, heart, mind, and/or soul that is the direct result of God's supernatural power.

Spiritual Transformation

It is the process by which God forms Christ's character in believers through the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Principle #1

**Continuous, personal, radical
Holy Spirit empowered
transformation is a requirement
for entrance into the Kingdom
of Heaven.**

John 3:1 - NLT

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee.

John 3:2

After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

John 3:3

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

John 3:4

“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

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Acts 5:40b - NLT

Then the Sanhedrin called the apostles in and had them whipped.

Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go.

Acts 5:41

The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:42

And every day, in the Temple
and from house to house,
they continued to teach
and preach this message:
“Jesus is the Messiah.”

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The blessings of God's Holy Spirit empowered transformations are on the other side of the sufferings, tests, challenges, difficulties, pains, troubles, and trials you are facing.

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Principle #5

God's Holy Spirit empowered transformation of our whole being requires our cooperation and our surrender.

James 1:12 - NLT

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.

Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 - MSG

Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty blessed. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.

There are times when God will only release His blessings on us after a season of prolonged pain, suffering, and brokenness that we experience as God wrestles with us.

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Principle #6

God's commitment to spiritually transform you into more and more Christlikeness is a result of His irrevocable promise and His supernatural, limitless love for you.

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Right Now

- You may have a bunch of overwhelming issues that are making it difficult to keep your head above water.
- You may feel defeated.
- You may feel like quitting.

Right Now

- You may be thinking that everything seems to be stacked against you.
- You may be thinking that God just does not want to give you a break.

Right Now

- You may believe that you're destined to live a much harder life compared to most.
- You may believe that things will never ever change for you.

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Principle #7

We must learn to respond appropriately to the gifts and opportunities for great joy that God gives us through sufferings, tests, challenges, and troubles.

Appropriate Response

Learn to befriend them instead of running from them.

- **Put them under the blessing.**
- **Step toward the pain.**
- **Focus on the voice of our beloved.**

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