

## How To Grow as a Believer & Follower of Jesus

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm

Begins August 2



### LESSON 12 – Changing Your Personality

*Or At Least Your Attitudes*

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The Bible is full of examples. Here are three in the New Testament:

- John—a “Son of Thunder”—was known for his temper. After Jesus changed him, He was known as the “Apostle of Love”—an extreme change.
- Paul was known for His anger and hatred for Christians and Gentiles. Later, after Jesus changed Him, he became the lead Christian of his generation (and maybe of all time) and wrote the best description of love (I Corinthians 13) ever written.
- Peter was impetuous, temperamental, and hard-headed. Yet as Jesus changed him over time, he was able to lead the church calmly through some very tough times in Acts 1-15.

### Tonight’s Bible Verses

*He (Jesus) called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:2-4

### Teachings From Today’s Verses

1. Jesus t\_\_\_\_\_ us to change—so c\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus said we have a\_\_\_\_\_. We need to c\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Other characteristics of a child are included, Jesus’ focus seems to be on h\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Without that change, we will not e\_\_\_\_\_.  
(In other words, it’s part of the salvation process!)

### Some of the “Most-Needed” Changes Among Believers

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Hate e_____	Love e_____	Matthew 5:44
C_____	Be g_____	Colossians 3:16
Don’t w_____	Be p_____	1 Corin. 13:4
Be k____ to those who deserve it	Be k_____ to a_____	1 Corin. 13:4
Be p_____	Be h_____	Philippians 4:2
Hold g_____	F_____	Ephesians 4:26
P_____ leaders	R_____ leaders	1 Peter 2:17
Be s_____	Be g_____	2 Corinthians 9:6
R_____	R_____	Matthew 5:39

### How to Change

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4. Ask G\_\_\_\_\_.
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