



Swift Transitions: Anticipating, Welcoming, and Celebrating the Moves of God

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How tightly do you hold your fist when it comes to evaluating who you are and how you are? In other words, are you available to receive and become because your hands are open? Or, do you actively resist notions of change because it is easier to keep going as you are? These are among the questions to aid our consideration of personal transformation and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Together, let's consider a few realities that can help us process the fact that our way(s) of being is subject to change.

The fact of a changed way of being: _____

The fallout from a changed way: _____

The fruit of a changed way: _____

Have you had the experience of a changed way of being? If so, what was the change? What prompted the change to begin? How did you recognize that the change occurred?



Colossians 3:1-17

The journey to new ways of being

As we read, note the aspects of changed thinking that can help us anticipate, welcome, and celebrate the idea that transition means changing how we exist as we are and do what we do.

- 1-4: _____
- 5-7: _____
- 8-11: _____
- 12-17: _____

Strategies for navigating the journey of a changed being

In Colossians 3, Paul conveys the implications of being in Christ. For believers, this way of locating oneself indicates a belonging that necessitates corresponding and corrective actions.

1. **Pursue holiness.** Our new way of being is connected to our pursuit of being like Christ.

2. **Put away natural urges.** Dying to self is intentional consecration that only you can do.

3. **Put off old ways.** The act of separation precedes being made alive in Christ.

4. **Put on godly character and conduct.** Exemplify Christlike attitude and actions.

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God-honoring ways to view transitions of one's being

With the Apostle Paul as our example, let's consider how we can honor God by becoming more like Christ through our discipleship. We can anticipate, welcome, and celebrate the effects of our transition of being through our relationships with other people.

- Acts 9:26-30: _____
- Romans 12:9-21: _____
- Romans 13:11-14: _____
- 1 Corinthians 13:10-12: _____