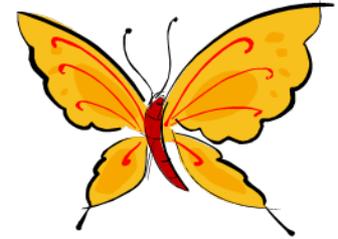


Sunday Sampler

Lesson 4 – Transformation

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Transformation



Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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Patterns of the World

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- Life is a competition; don't let anyone get ahead of you.
- Success and significance are determined by your position on societies ladder.
- Self reliance is sign of being a mature adult.
- Life is supposed to be fair. You get what you deserve.

New Patterns

World	Kingdom of God
Life is about maximizing enjoyment; minimizing problems.	If you want to save your life, you will lose it.
Life is a competition; don't let anyone get ahead of you.	The first will be last and the last will be first.
Success and significance are determined by your position on societies ladder.	The servant is the greatest.
Self reliance is sign of being a mature adult.	Trust in Lord; deny yourself
Life is supposed to be fair. You get what you deserve.	When we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Spiritual Conditioning

Spiritual disciplines are tools that help condition us for life in the Kingdom.



Disciplines of Abstinence

- Solitude
- Silence
- Fasting



Disciplines of Engagement

- Bible Study
- Prayer
- Worship

Reminder

- Spiritual disciplines are a means not an end.
- Spiritual disciplines are not in and of themselves righteousness.
- When practiced regularly, they can lead to righteousness because they deepen our relationship with Jesus.