# The Process of Change

A Transformed Mind Leads to a Transformed Life

## The Root Issue

- What needs changing?
- **⊗**Jeremiah 17:9
- What is man's greatest problem?
- **❸**John 3:5

## Counterfeit Roots

- Circumstance
- Family History
- The Actions of Others
- Temptation

# The Command for Change

- The Command: Ephesians 4:1-3
- The Goal of Our Salvation: Romans 8:29
- The Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-25
- His Word: John 17:17

# The Provision for Change

- The Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-25
- His Word: John 17:17
- **2** Timothy 3:16-17

# 4 Things God's Word Does

- **Teaches**
- Convicts of Sin
- Disciplines or Corrects Us
- Trains Us in the Way of Righteousness

#### How Does This Process Work?

- Repentance: Put Off, Renew Your Mind, Put On
- **⊗**Ephesians 4:20-25
- Lay aside the old self
- Renew your mind with truth
- Put on righteousness

# But Change is Hard

- The source of difficulty: <u>Habits</u>
- Sinful habits must be replaced with sanctifying habits.

# Scriptural Examples

In each of these examples, what is the "sin" we are to put off, and what is the "righteous pattern" we are to put on?

- Ephesians 4:25
- **⊗**Ephesians 4:26-27
- **⊕**Ephesians 4:28
- **⊕**Ephesians 4:29
- **⊗**Ephesians 4:31-32

# Jay Adam's Steps for "Putting Off and Putting On"

- 1. Becoming aware of the practice (habit) that must be put off
- 2. Discovering the Biblical alternative (rehabituation)
- 3. Structuring the whole situation for change
- 4. Breaking links in the chain of sin
- 5. Getting help from others
- 6. Stressing the whole relationship to Christ
- 7. Practicing the new pattern

# Give Assignments

### The benefits of assignments

- They need to digest and apply what you have told them
- They need something tangible to do to begin putting off/on

## Seek to reinforce privileges of Bible study and prayer

#### Other assignment examples

Partners, books to read, reconciling with someone they have offended, etc...