



When you started your work at the United Nations, it was more than just a job. You had a hope, perhaps even an expectation that you could make a difference, that you could help change the world. The world could be changed if a region were changed. A region could change if a nation changed. A nation might be changed if the capital changed. The capital would change if a neighborhood were changed. A neighborhood can change if just one individual is transformed from the inside to the outside. YES, you *can* change the world!

We continue this study with a further look at the third purpose of your life: “you were created to become like Christ.” If this is true, it clearly implies that there will be changes in our lives, maybe painful, but definitely for the better. For the next three weeks we will examine three instruments that God uses to bring lasting transformation in our lives: *truth, trouble, and temptation*. Each one has the potential to bring about a personal revolution. As Ravi Zacharias said at the International Prayer Breakfast, “I invited Jesus Christ into my life. He changed not only what I *did*, He changed *what I wanted to do*! He changed my heart to the profoundest depths of human experience.”

How does such change take place? Rick Warren states, “The truth transforms us.... The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make us like the Son of God” (p. 185). “The Bible,” he adds, “is far more than a doctrinal guidebook. God’s Word generates life, creates faith, produces change, frightens the Devil, causes miracles, heals hurts, builds character, transforms circumstances, imparts joy, overcomes adversity, defeats temptation, infuses hope, releases power, cleanses our minds, brings things into being, and guarantees our future.” (p. 186).

1. Read Psalm 19:1-6. Warren declares, “When God speaks, things change” (p. 185). What is God’s means of communication in this passage? What is the message? What has God said to you in this manner? (Romans 1:20)
2. Read Psalm 19:7-11. What other method does God use to speak to you? How has it changed your life? (Ps. 119)

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v.7a	v.7a
v.7b	v.7b
v.8a	v.8a
v.8b	v.8b
v.9-10	v.11

3. Read Psalm 19:7 again. Warren suggests that “many of our troubles occur because we base our choices on *unreliable authorities*: culture (“everyone is doing it”), tradition (“we’ve always done it”), reason (it seemed logical”), or emotion (“it just felt right”). *Can you accept the Bible as the ultimate authority in your life?* What would that mean to you?
4. Read Psalm 19:11 again and compare it with James 1:22-25. To be a “keeper” or “doer” of the Word, you must first be a “hearer.” What helps you have regular time with God and His Word? What hinders you?
5. Read Psalm 19:12-14. D.L. Moody said, “The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives.” How can the truth transform you? Your neighbor? The world? (Hebrews 4:12)
What is your part in the process? What is God’s part? (Psalm 1)

*Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
(John 8:31-32 NIV)*