

## EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE: Personal Attitude Needed for Success

➤ If a person is a criminal, they have no place in the Kingdom of God. They must repent and are born-again to enter.

➤ If a person is a Christian and still commits criminal activities, they must repent and ask for forgiveness.

Repent doesn't mean feeling sorry, it means to do an about-face and go in the opposite direction to the original. That is, away from criminal activity and towards God's righteous lifestyle. This entails a change of attitude which comes from a personal decision to **STOP** doing what was wrong. This is an act of the person's will.

➤ Likewise, if a person is a Christian and still has besetting sins that dog them all the time, they must also repent and ask for forgiveness. Again, this repentance requires an act of the will to **STOP** sinning that way.

This sinning syndrome refers to more than just committing something 'evil'. **In relation to God's perfect righteousness, sin means anything that is out-of-line with his ways.**

Notice with each of the 3 points above it's all about a decision of the person's will.

What if you're Christian and also one of these?

1. A cranky old man
2. A manipulative woman
3. A disrespectful child
4. A negative or critical person
5. A gossip
6. Unloving
7. A worrier or stresser
8. etc.

All of these have no place in the life of a Christian. In fact, they're all sinful because they are out of alignment with Jesus' character and the fruit that the Spirit produces.

People can justify these mannerisms; they can turn a blind eye to them; they can struggle against them. But, the godly method needed is to **STOP** them by an act of their will.

It's the same with the need to change everything to align with the Kingdom!

**EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE** means that an act of your will is required to eliminate anything that doesn't align with the Kingdom of God.

**It doesn't happen by osmosis and it doesn't happen automatically – you must make it happen.**

So, what are some things that show a non-alignment with the Kingdom?

Over the page are a few to add to the list I've been giving you over the past 2 years.

1. Pompously claiming you won't get sick "in Jesus' name" – Unless you align with the Spirit and operate rightly as a son, there are kinks in your defence that allow sickness access.
2. Quoting scripture in your speech – It's time to speak the rhema of our King rather than pat quotes that *seem* relevant.
3. Reading and quoting KJV – Time to grow up and live in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
4. Using the word 'unto' in your conversation – This is archaic and irrelevant for today. (See my article "Getting Rid of Unto Out of Our Speech"<sup>1</sup>)
5. Controlling circumstances at home and at work through your soul – This tactic is a tool of the enemy. Wrong kingdom!

Here's a check-list to help you monitor your changes this year to align with the Kingdom.

**EVERYTHING MUST CHANGE**

**I know these things need to change to align with the Kingdom**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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**I have already changed these things**

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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