

A New Year: A New You
Six Biblical Principles to bring real change in 2012
ROMANS 12:1-12

In order to change I need to:

1. Offer my body to God

ROM. 12:1 *“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.”*

1st law of change: **CHANGE IS MY CHOICE.**

2. Realize it's all a matter of focus

ROM 12:2 *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind.”*

2nd law of change To change my life I must change my mind

EPH. 4:22-24 *“Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; and be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to PUT ON the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness*

3 Be honest with myself

ROM 12:3 *“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”*

3rd law of change; I can only manage what I measure!

4. Understand that we need each other

ROM.12:4-5 *“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.”*

4th law of change; Change requires community!

5. Realize that we need love!

ROM.12:9-10 *“Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is evil. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”*

6. Recognize that passion and enthusiasm is a must!

ROM 12:11-12 *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*