

Transformation - A Life Long Process

Transformation – *“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”* (Romans 12:1-2 Msg) Pauls words don’t need to change in our society today. Whether you’ve been a believer 1 day or 75 years you can recognize the need for continued transformation. There are so many things chasing our attention to draw us away from our daily walk with our God. A couple of questions for reflection as you read and in the days to come:

1. What thing seems to be drawing you away from God causing you to fit into culture without thinking?
2. What particular habit or pattern needs to be broken in your daily sleeping, eating, etc. of life?
3. What discipline can you instill in your life to help you break this habit or pattern?

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Mark Byfield - Work Group Coordinator
Randy Parker - Education Director
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Interview with Pastor Ricky Chance —

Gazette: As administrator of TLC what have been the greatest blessings of the past year?

Pastor Ricky: I think mostly the way God has broken through with our finances, volunteers, and the way God has brought on staff members. The way the Randy and Mark have grown as well as God bringing Micheal Dugger to us to work as night supervisor. Being blessed with a great team has taken a big burden off of me as director. We have also had some good classes of residents here in the last year who have said “Hey I’m wrong and I want to be right”. Many of these residents have gotten on board, followed us and listened to us and the teaching here.

Gazette: What do you enjoy most about your job?

Pastor Ricky: I enjoy most getting to see the guys (residents) changed and not only that but seeing their families changed as a result of this team we have together now.

Gazette: What do you see at the one or two greatest challenges facing TLC in the future?

Pastor Ricky: As I was reading this question I was happy that I could say I that for the first time in a couple years that the finances aren’t the biggest challenge because that is always a challenge. For me the biggest challenge is figuring out how we can encourage the follow-up program. How do we help the guys with the program after they have leave. We have a great community and we need to figure out how we can get the community involved in the after program.



Interview with Mark Byfield (TLC Work Group Coordinator) -

Gazette: What stands out in your mind as the most important things that were revealed to you during your time as a resident at TLC?

Mark: How real God was!

Gazette: How did you come to understand that?

Mark: Just by the different ways He revealed Himself to me, um, He showed me He could speak to me anyway He wanted to. Through birds, audibly, through the word of God, through other people, He just opened my eyes and showed me how real He was. I always thought God was way, way, way out there and the whole time He was right there with me.

Gazette: What do you enjoy most about your job?

Mark: I enjoy being able to speak truth into peoples lives that were in the same shoes I was in so many years. I also enjoy being able to teach them trades and skills that they didn’t know before. Things they can use when the leave TLC.

Gazette: What are some of the challenges of your job as work coordinator?

The biggest challenge is the turnover of residents, having to train them doing the basic skills that you think they should already know but they don’t. Dealing with different attitudes that the men have.

