



BIBLE STUDY

& Life Groups

TOPIC:
BECOMING AN ENABLER OF CHANGE
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- A. If our world will change tomorrow, it will be because we each become Enablers of Change.
- B. To change your world, you must change.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- C. Death is often the womb out of which Enablers of Change are born.

- i. Joshua 1:1 (NKJV) – *After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:*
- ii. Enablers of Change often move into new areas of responsibility.

Joshua 1:2-4 (NKJV)

Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

- iii. Enablers of Change will have new capacity to perform new responsibility.

Joshua 1:5-6 (NKJV)

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

- iv. Enablers of Change must embrace new courage and strength.

Joshua 1:7-9 (NKJV)

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

KEYS TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE ENABLER OF CHANGE:

1. Being an Enabler of Change requires making choices.

Joshua 1:1-2 (NKJV)

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Change Truth: When leading in change, always address those who are most affected personally.

2. Enabler of Change understands that change in the nation begins with change in the home.

Bible Parenting Paradigm

- Parents must be Teachers

Deuteronomy 6:7 (NLT)

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

- Parents must be Trainers

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

- Parents must be Providers

II Corinthians 12:14e-f (NLT)

After all, children don't provide for their parents. Rather, parents provide for their children.

- Parents must be Nurturers

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

- Parents must Control

1 Timothy 3:4 (NLT)

He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him.

- Parents must Love

1 John 4:7 (NLT)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Change Truth: What we see in our home is a reflection of what we will see in the nation.

3. Confidence is required of Enablers of Change.

Joshua 1:3-5 (NKJV)

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

Change Truth: Enablers of change create an environment where confidence is inspired.

Change Truth: Enablers of Change know that things change but God does not.

4. Enablers of Change build courage.

Joshua 1:6 (NKJV)

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Change Truth: Choice and confidence are inward. It takes courage to take change outward.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you thought about needed change in and around your life?
 - Please discuss and give specific examples of needed change internally or personally and externally or things in life.
2. What in you or around you need to die for you to become an enabler of change?
 - Please discuss using specific example.
3. What areas of life have you avoided because of fear of the change or of the role of enabler?
 - Please discuss in detail, give examples of possible.
4. If God is leading you to enable change in some area, who are the people who would be most affected by the change?
 - How and what would you communicate to them?