

EDUCATION

(Romans 12:2 NIV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

(Phil 2:12-13 NIV)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

(1 Cor 6:9-10 NIV)

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Rom 10:14-15 NIV

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Education Progression

1. God: Sends
2. I: Preach
3. You: Hear
4. You: Believe
5. You: Call (respond)

Work of the Holy Spirit

(John 16:8 NIV) *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:*

One Extreme:

Knowing and not doing.

Knowledge puffs up

(1 Cor 8:1 NIV) Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Romans 2:17-20 (NIV)

Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God; if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth--

Romans 2:21-24 (NIV)

you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

Guard your heart

(Prov 4:23 NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Other Extreme:

Doing and not knowing.

Romans 10:1-4 (NIV)

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Human Effort

(Gal 3:3 NIV) Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

How to avoid the extremes

1. Don't reject knowledge
2. Look at change from the inside out
3. Look for ways to put things in action.
4. Be convinced of your need to change.

CONCLUSION