

**Inside / Out Change**  
**"Living a Whole Life"**  
**Bud Wrenn 1/15/06**

**Show a continuous loop of the power point slides from the previous week that showed the picture of the compartmentalized life: Slides 12, 16, 18, 19, 25**

*Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?*

*Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.*

**1) I must give up my own will, so that God can do His thing in me.**

*Romans 12:2 .....but let God transform you ....*

*Mark 8:35 If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake ....., you will find true life.*

**2) Change in me has to start with my thinking.**

*Romans 12:2 .....into a new person by changing the way you think. ...*

*Col. 3:1-2 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, .... Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth.*

**3) Progress has to be measured.**

*Romans 12:2 ...behavior and customs of this world, .....a new person ...*

*Galatians 6:15 ..... What counts is whether we really have been changed into new and different people.*

**4) De-Programming is required.**

*Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world....*

*Ephes. 4:22 then throw off your old evil nature--the old you that was a partner in your evil ways .... Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better.*

**5) New lessons and habits must be developed.**

*Romans 12:2 ....Then you will know what God wants you to do....*

*Ephes. 4:23-24 Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better. Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.*

**6) Consistent forward movement is the result.**

*Romans 12:2 ...you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is....*

*2 Peter 1:5-8 ..... A life of moral excellence .... knowing God better. .... self-control. .... endurance, .... leads to godliness. .... genuine love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 John 2:16 For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions. These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world.*

**1) Personal Purity - God wants me to enjoy a life of freedom from bondage, stress, etc.**

**2) Personal Stewardship - God owns it all and I don't.**

**3) Personal Relationships - The Golden Rule.**