

The Road to Recovery
Part #4 – Making Changes: The
Transformation Choice
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Our character is primarily influenced by three factors ...

1. Chromosomes
2. Circumstances
3. Choices

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)

Observations ...

- “Blessed” – To have God with us
- “Hunger / Thirst” – A sense of lack
- “Righteousness” – Justification / Justice
- “Filled” – Satisfied, but not content; fulfilled, but still longing

God is with those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. God is with those who have a deep desire for things to be made right personally and publically.
(Rob Bell)

A. Personal Righteousness

- An internal work that has external implications
- An appetite for holiness

→ An advanced decision to ‘do-away’ with sin

B. Public Righteousness

- God is interested in social justice (Matthew 25)
- God is initiating change in us when we work to change the world (Isaiah 58)
- God is involved in the world (Acts 17:24-27)

Growing an appetite for God ... and making changes to our character

The power of focus ... as we seek to move through our hurts, habits and hang-ups towards wholeness:

1. Focus on changing one-defect-at-a-time. (Proverbs 17:24)
2. Focus on ‘your wins’ one-day-at-a-time. (Matthew 6:11)
3. Focus on God’s-power, not your will-power. (Jeremiah 13:23)
4. Focus on doing-good rather than feeling-good. (Galatians 5:16)
5. Focus on people who lift-up, not load-up. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
6. Focus on progress, not perfection! (Philippians 1:6)