

"Transform My POV!"

Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Mark 8:33 (NLT)

Born again, you've been given a new life—so why don't you feel any different? You're called to become more and more like Christ, but what's hindering your growth?

Sin—of course!

"The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each

other." The Apostle Paul (Galatians 5:17)

Pride—of course!

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Jesus Christ (Luke 9:23)

The Enemy—of course!

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:12)

You're in a major battle-of course!

These opposing forces collude to craft your human point of view—your "Entrenched POV"—which blocks growth. Your Entrenched POV perverts every habit, decision, and relationship in your life. Step back to take a sober look, can you see its havoc?

Reflect: How has my Entrenched POV affected my life?

Our Entrenched POV likes to hide behind good intentions—it's crafty.

Peter loved Jesus. He didn't want him to die; he wanted to be with

him... all good! But Jesus made it clear whose POV matters. Our

Entrenched POV wars against God's POV—how we struggle even to see it!

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the Lord. 'And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8–9)

Who can imagine what God is thinking—his POV? Sure, we have Scripture, but how can that supplant our Entrenched POV? Through Osmosis! (Learn more—"Let") Yet Scripture doesn't always address our immediate situation—what then? Are we to slog forward as best we can, guessing? How else might we gain God's POV?

Consider: Praying for God to transform my POV into his.

Our Entrenched POV does another tricky thing—it deceives us into thinking that the way to grow is simply to change our behavior. "Discipline is the answer!" we think, and off we go, trying to use worldly methods—or even Scripture—to shape ourselves. Has religion ever really worked out? At best we experience superficial change, lasting only for the most diligent.

"...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—

truly righteous and holy. The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 4:22–24)

Is this the transformation Paul tells us about? Will trying harder to change our behavior make us "truly righteous and holy"?

"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 learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:2)



Again, Paul instructs us: the way we transform into a new person is by letting the Spirit change the way we think. Kingdom beliefs replace entrenched worldly ones, and our behaviors change accordingly. Becoming like Jesus happens from the inside out. Lacking transforming strength, and going beyond Osmosis, we must pray for the Spirit to change our POV. Try it!

Imagine: Engaging life by yielding to God's POV.

Your Mission comes only after you gain God's POV—of course!

"Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:6)

Spotting opportunities to serve others with your Mission requires God's POV—of course!

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus Christ (Mark 10:45)

Your growth toward becoming more like Jesus comes by yielding to God's POV—of course!

Pray daily—and throughout the day—for the Spirit to inspire you with God's POV: "What's my Mission? Show me who to serve—sacrificially, like Jesus! What's your POV in this situation?"

Want to become more like Jesus? Cry out...

"Transform My POV!"

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- Reflect: Where is my Entrenched POV wreaking havoc in my life right now?
- Commit: "I will pray daily—and throughout the day—for the Spirit to open my eyes to see God's POV."
- Later: Review... How have I grown to become more like Jesus?

Don't know my Mission? <u>Start here!</u>

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Pray on My New Nature—God's POV.

"Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him."

The Apostle Paul | Colossians 3:10 (NLT)









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