

PROSPECTIVE TEAM MEMBERS

A CHANGE OF HEART

While Christ presented Himself as a living sacrifice and did for us what we could not do for ourselves, there are a few steps we must each take to claim our victories. God accepts us "just as we are." This is our turning around, our awakened awareness, our eyes being opened to the love and companionship of God, and saying "yes" to the offer. (Length: 30 minutes)

PURPOSE OF THE TALK: to accept *the* relationship that God offers. We must take the first step by opening our hearts *to* change.

POINTS TO COVER:

1. We do not have to change before God will save us (that is, we do not have to earn our salvation.
2. It is the patterns in our lives that keep us apart from God and we must be willing to allow those patterns to be changed.
3. God will lead us, gradually, to new life patterns if we are willing.

SUGGESTED APPROACHES:

1. Use of "extreme makeover" tv shows; change can only happen from inside out
2. When we are willing to let God change us, God will open our spiritual eyes to our need of Him and the opportunities He gives us to help others

SUGGESTED W SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and *to him* that knocketh it shall be opened.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Philippians 3:13-14. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.