

Transformed

Galatians 1:18-24

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Three keys to living a transformed life:

I. _____ time getting to know God.

Galatians 1:17-18 (NIV84) ... I went immediately into **Arabia** and later returned to Damascus. **Then after three years**, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. [See **Acts 9:18-26**]

A. Put God _____ in your schedule.

- a) **Acts 2:42 (NIV84)** They **devoted** themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to **prayer**.

1. Study your Bible.

2. Spend time in prayer.

Q: Are you _____ God? Do you have a plan?

II. _____ yourself with godly friends.

Galatians 1:18-20 (NIV84) Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with **Peter** and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles—only **James**, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

A. Seek out godly _____ to imitate.

- a) **Philippians 3:17 (NIV84)** Join with others in following **my example**, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the **pattern** we gave you. [See **1 Corinthians 1:11**]
- a) **Proverbs 13:20 (NIV84)** He **who walks with the wise** grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

Q: Are you _____ yourself with godly friends?

III. _____ your faith with others.

Galatians 1:21-24 (NIV84) Later I went to **Syria and Cilicia**. ²² I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ **And they praised God because of me.**

A. Pray for _____:

Q: Do people praise God because of _____?

Resources:

- S.O.A.P. Devotional Method (by Steele Croswhite):**
<https://www.experiencetherock.com/2021/03/s-o-a-p/>
- Messages from our Base Camp Curriculum on the Bible & Prayer:**
 - trc.life/bc-bible
 - trc.life/bc-prayer
- Good resource on how to share your faith:**
<https://www.experiencetherock.com/message/evangelism/>

Discussion Questions:

- What was one thing you learned from this message and can practically apply?
- Do you have an actual plan for reading the Bible and praying each day? If so, share it with the group. If not, what steps do you need to take to make it happen?
- Share an example of a time a friend led you astray (OR, how YOU led someone astray ;-)
- Talk about the importance of surrounding yourself with godly friends.
- What is your biggest fear when it comes to sharing your faith with others? Is it a rational fear?
- If you couldn't fail, who would you love to share the Gospel with this week? Pray right now for God to give you an opportunity.
- When it comes to living a transformed life, "We can't just sit there." What practical changes will you make this week that will have people praising God for you?