

Change is a process to make something different, or even to replace something.

It involves time to accomplish the process: awareness of the present situation before the process, preparation to begin the process and continue it, monitoring the ongoing action needed, and awareness when the process is complete.

You know when things in your life change - you might not be so observant when it happens to others. Your natural self-awareness is part of keeping safe, so self-centeredness is not bad, it is neutral and necessary. As you become aware of other possibilities for your life, you may decide you want change.

I found some quotes that help me keep perspective as change occurs.

When times are good, you delay change.

When times are bad, you seek change.

"If you're in a bad situation, don't worry - it'll change.

If you're in a good situation, don't worry - it'll change." (Kin Hubbard)

"The only person who likes change is a wet baby."

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." (Jimmy Dean)

"If you change nothing, nothing will change." (Rajkummar Rao)

"Just when I discovered the meaning of life, they changed it." (George Carlin)

"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure."

Your past action (or inaction) got you where you are in life. You can't change the past. (Theoretically God may answer a prayer and change the past, but you would not know it, because you would be part of the new timeline!) Thus, you can't really make amends for the past - you can only apologize and make restitution. You can only change the present, and (hopefully) improve the possible future.

God never changes the past.

Isaiah 26:13-14

YHVH our God, masters besides You have had dominion over us; but we only make mention of Your name. They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not rise. Thus You punished and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

God recalls the past to use as examples to guide you away from wrong thinking and direct you toward practical, positive, fulfilling plans.

Psalms 119:52

I remembered Your judgments of old, YHVH, and have comforted myself.

For those who trust in Yeshua, He chooses to not remember your sins

Isaiah 54:4

Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

Jeremiah 31:34

"No longer will each teach his neighbor or each his brother, saying: 'Know YHVH,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest" - it is a declaration of YHVH. "For I will forgive their iniquity, **their sin I will remember no more.**"

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Messiah Yeshua, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

You should stop reliving the past - whether painful or joyous.

Matthew 8:21-22

Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Yeshua said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Isaiah 43:18

Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.

You know God's revelation, but no one knows God's timing.

Matthew 24:36

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, except the Father alone.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the Day of YHVH comes like a thief in the night.

Job 38-41 [God is sovereign - He is accountable to no one.]

Job 38:1-3

Then YHVH answered Job out of the whirlwind. He said:

"Who is this, who darkens counsel - with words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you will inform Me!"

Job 40:8-10

"Would you really annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me to justify yourself? Do you have an arm like God's, and can you thunder with a voice like His? Then adorn yourself in majesty and dignity; clothe yourself in splendor and honor."

Ecclesiastes 9:11

I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

In the day of **prosperity** be joyful, but in the day of **adversity** consider: surely **God has appointed the one as well as the other**, so that man can find out nothing that will come after him.

You should align your expectations with God's desires.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in YHVH with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your steps acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Psalms 37:3-5

Trust in YHVH, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in YHVH, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. **Commit your way to YHVH, trust also in Him**, and He shall bring it to pass.

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" for after all these things the non-believers seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Focus on the present - your actions *now* determine your future.

Ecclesiastes 3:10-13

I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to **do good in their lives**, and also that every man should eat and drink and **enjoy the good of all his labor** - it is the gift of God.

Luke 14:28-32

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down **first** and **count the cost**, whether he has enough to finish it - lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish" ? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down **first** and **consider** whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

2 Corinthians 6:2

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Even when you do wrong or don't plan ahead, God is in control.

Genesis 45:4-8

And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now **it was not you who sent me here, but God**; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 50:20

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

The law of planting and harvesting still applies in all of life.

Esther 4:14

For **if you remain completely silent** at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but **you and your father's house will perish**. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap**. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Plan ahead, but do not dwell on all the possibilities of your future.

Acts 1:7

And He said to them, "**It is not for you to know times or seasons** which the Father has put in His own authority."

James 4:13-15

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas **you do not know what will happen tomorrow**. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If YHVH wills, we shall live and do this or that."

Instead, live each day in the joy God gives us.

Nehemiah 8:10

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for **the joy of YHVH** is your strength."

Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of YHVH shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matthew 28:7-9

"And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So **they went out quickly** from the tomb **with** fear and **great joy**, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind** and **reaching forward to those things which are ahead**, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Yeshua.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Yeshua**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the **joy that was set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

As you go through change, don't let circumstances toss you about - try to control the change if you can. How can you know the proper control? Try to be guided by the Spirit of God. How can you know what the Spirit wants you to do?

You need to go to the Bible. Sometimes you need the help and prayer of others, but it is the Spirit that reveals the meaning of God's word to us. The inspiration of Scripture teaches that God "superintended" the human authors of the Bible so that their individual styles were preserved but the end result was precisely what God wanted.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Pet. 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of the Messiah in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Since the Spirit inspired all of Scripture, then regardless of the numerous human authors, the message of the Scriptures is consistent. You cannot therefore argue one part of Scripture against another.

2 Peter 1:21

The prophets (all those who proclaim God's word) did not think these things up on their own, but they were guided by the Spirit of God.

God does not change, so the Spirit does not change, and your relation to the Spirit does not change.

Genesis 1:2

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 41:38

And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?"

Exodus 35:31

YHVH has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, making him highly skilled, resourceful, and knowledgeable in all trades.

Numbers 11:16-17

YHVH said to Moses, "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit which is on you, and will put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you don't bear it yourself alone."

Numbers 11:24-29

Moses went out, and told the people the words of YHVH; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. YHVH came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was on him, and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did so no more. But two men remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad; and the Spirit rested on them. They were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran, and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his chosen men, answered, "My lord Moses, forbid them!" Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the people of YHVH were prophets, that YHVH would put his Spirit on them!"

Judges 3:10

When the Spirit of YHVH came over him, he became the judge of Israel. He went out to war. YHVH handed King Cushan Rishathaim of Aram Naharaim over to him, and Othniel overpowered him.

Judges 11:29

Then the Spirit of YHVH came over Jephthah. Jephthah went through Gilead, Manasseh, and Mizpah in Gilead to gather an army. From Mizpah in Gilead Jephthah went to attack Ammon.

Judges 13:25

The Spirit of YHVH began to stir Samson in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges 14:6

Then the Spirit of YHVH came mightily upon Samson, and he tore the lion apart as one would have split a young goat - yet he had nothing in his hand.

1 Samuel 10:6,9-10

[Samuel speaking to Saul before he became king] "Then the Spirit of YHVH will seize you and you will prophesy with them - you will turn into another man." Then it happened, as Saul turned his back to leave Samuel, that God transformed his heart, and all those signs came to pass that day. When they arrived there, at the hill, behold, a band of prophets did meet him, and suddenly, the Spirit of YHVH overtook him, and subsequently, he prophesied among them.

1 Samuel 16:13

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers. From that day on the Spirit of YHVH came mightily upon David. There are many more passages in the Tanach about the Spirit of YHVH. He did not suddenly appear in Acts chapter 2. Believers and followers of YHVH had the Spirit from the beginning. If you think Acts 2 was the first time, and not before, then you split the timeline of God's revelation - a first step toward Dispensationalism.

Some say that the Spirit is revealed when a person is given a new (additional) language to speak and understand. That ability is a blessing, but only one of many blessings - this is a list of some.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (World English Bible)

For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, and to another workings of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of languages, and to another the interpretation of languages.

All of the following 78 verses properly translate the Hebrew (or Greek) to LANGUAGE, not TONGUE.

Genesis 10:5, Genesis 10:20, Genesis 10:31, Genesis 11:1, Genesis 11:6, Genesis 11:7, Genesis 11:9, Deuteronomy 28:49, 2 Kings 18:26, 2 Kings 18:28, 2 Chronicles 32:18, Ezra 4:7, Nehemiah 13:24, Esther 1:22, Esther 3:12, Esther 8:9, Job 15:5, Psalm 19:3, Psalm 55:9, Psalm 81:5, Psalm 114:1, Isaiah 19:18, Isaiah 28:11, Isaiah 33:19, Isaiah 36:11, Isaiah 36:13, Isaiah 66:18, Jeremiah 5:15, Ezekiel 3:5, Ezekiel 3:6, Daniel 1:4, Daniel 2:4, Daniel 3:4, Daniel 3:7, Daniel 3:29, Daniel 4:1, Daniel 5:19, Daniel 6:25, Daniel 7:14, Zechariah 8:23, Mark 16:17, Acts 1:19, Acts 2:4, Acts 2:6, Acts 2:8, Acts 2:11, Acts

10:46, Acts 14:11, Acts 19:6, Acts 21:40, Acts 22:2, Acts 26:14, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 12:28, 1 Corinthians 12:30, 1 Corinthians 13:1, 1 Corinthians 13:8, 1 Corinthians 14:2, 1 Corinthians 14:4, 1 Corinthians 14:5, 1 Corinthians 14:6, 1 Corinthians 14:13, 1 Corinthians 14:14, 1 Corinthians 14:18, 1 Corinthians 14:19, 1 Corinthians 14:21, 1 Corinthians 14:22, 1 Corinthians 14:23, 1 Corinthians 14:26, 1 Corinthians 14:27, 1 Corinthians 14:39, Revelation 5:9, Revelation 7:9, Revelation 10:11, Revelation 11:9, Revelation 13:7, Revelation 14:6, Revelation 17:15

There are 109 verses that properly translate the Hebrew (or Greek) to TONGUE, not LANGUAGE.

After the Flood of Noah, there were persons who trusted in God. However, they were few in number, compared to the many who participated in the rebellion at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-4). To disperse the crowd and prevent regathering in the near future, YHVH confused their language - instead of all speaking one language, He gave them different languages to confuse them so they could not understand each other (Genesis 11:5-8). This is the origin of all the languages, and the original language disappeared, to prevent them from restarting the tower. Notice - God created ALL the languages.

Sometime later (Genesis 12), Abram began his walk with YHVH, and that began the process of putting the word of God eventually into Hebrew.

The miracle of Acts 2 is to invert the judgment of Babel, and not to eliminate it. Like the king in Esther ("a decree that is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, cannot be revoked" ... "the king granted the right for Jews in every city to assemble themselves and to protect themselves"), God does not cancel judgment, but makes a way to invert it.

The disciples received the gift of languages unfamiliar to them, and began translating the message of Peter in Acts 2:14-40 to those at the Temple, in Jerusalem.

Acts 2:7-11

They were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Behold, aren't all these who speak Galileans? How do we hear, everyone in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians: we hear them speaking in our languages the mighty works of God!"

By inverting the action at the tower of Babel, the message is taught by one group that now speaks many languages.

Yeshua gave the commission to share salvation with the nations.

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Notice the sequence: Jerusalem Judea (the rest of the Jews)
 Samaria (mixed-blood Jews) everybody else (non-Jews)

How was this accomplished? By inverting the tower of Babel, one group speaks many languages.

The first of the commission: "be witnesses to me in Jerusalem."

Acts 2:5-6

Now Jewish people were staying in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound came, the crowd gathered. They were bewildered, because each was hearing them speaking in his own language.

Next is Judea: persecution of The Way forced many to leave Jerusalem.

Acts 8:1

Saul was consenting to the death of Stephen. A great persecution arose against the assembly which was in Jerusalem in that day. They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles.

Next is Samaria: Philip and Peter & John in Samaria.

Acts 8:5

Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Messiah.

Acts 8:14,17

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Spirit.

Last is everybody else (non-Jews): Peter in Caesarea (Acts 10:1-48).

Acts 10:44,47

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Spirit fell on all those who heard the word. He said, "Can anyone forbid these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Spirit just like us."

You obey the Bible, and your life changes, because the Bible IS the Spirit of God. The word encapsulates Him for you to receive. He becomes part of your life as you internalize His word, through studying and obeying it. His word is then working in your life, just like repeated actions become automatic with proper repetition. This is how you control your change.

Psalms 25:4-5

Let me know your steps, YHVH, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

Now you have the privilege of sharing God's word with those around us, as you become a light to the world.