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How do you “Break Life Changing Habits”

1. Have a desire to change
2. Delight yourself in the Word
3. Be a Reader
4. Break the Cycle
5. Surround yourself with positive people
6. Become serious about your prayer life
7. If sin is in your life, get rid of it.
8. Consider your body to be the Temple of God.
9. Grow your faith
10. Develop a life of praise

2 Kings 4:1-37 is a great message of how two different women who exercised their faith.

- ✓ There are some situations God uses us to change
- ✓ There are some situations we cannot change; God is the only one that can change it.

As Long as We have Life, we have opportunity!

**WHAT DO YOU WANT THE LORD TO DO FOR YOU?
WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART, YOUR HANDS, OR YOUR
HOUSE THAT GOD CAN USE?**

OFTEN TIMES, THERE ARE LABELS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED ON US THAT NEED TO BE PEALED OFF BY THE POWER OF GOD.

- ✓ *PEOPLE ARE GOOD IN PLACING LABELS ON (YOU) Luke 23:1,2,8,35, 36*
- ✓ *SATAN IS A LIAR. HE HAS COME TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY WITH LABELS*
- ✓ *WE OFTEN BELIEVE WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US (THE LABELS)*
- ✓ *WHAT HAS GOD SAID ABOUT US? (Psalms 139:14)*

- ❖ **LEARN TO PAY (give back) YOUR VOWS TO GOD PUBLICLY**
- ❖ **LEARN TO PRAISE (honor, extol, glorify, worship) GOD PUBLICLY**
- ❖ **LEARN TO PRAY (call upon, urge, plead) TO GOD PUBLICLY**

Ps 66:13-20

13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you —

14 vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

15 I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.

16 Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

17 I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

19 but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

20 Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer

or withheld his love from me!
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LEARN TO PAY YOUR VOWS TO GOD PUBLICLY

OFFER TO GOD YOUR BEST AND NOT THE REST

13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings
and fulfill my vows to you —

COME TO THE TEMPLE AND BRING YOUR GIFTS

***YOU SHOULD COME PUBLICLY, OPENLY, REVENTLY TO THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD.***

COME WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS

COME WITH SANCTIFIED GIFTS

COME WITH SACRIFICIAL GIFTS (He would not offer that which cost him
nothing, but that which cost him a great deal.)

14 vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke
When I was in trouble.

(The vows which we made when we were in trouble must not
be forgotten when the trouble is over)

It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

LEARN TO PRAISE GOD PUBLICLY

16 Come and listen, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

17 I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.

- ✓ Invite others to PRAISE the Lord with you
- ✓ Offer sacrifices of PRAISE with your lips
- ✓ PRAISE God for deliverance and answered prayers

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- ✚ SIN IS A HINDERANCE TO PRAYER
- ✚ SATAN IS AN ENEMY TO PRAYER
- ✚ SACRIFICES OF THE WICKED IS A DISHONOR TO PRAYER (ITS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD)

Prov 15:29

9 The LORD is far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.
NKJV

If I regard iniquity in my heart, that is:

- **If I have favourable thoughts of it,**
- **if I love it, indulge it, and allow myself to continue in it,**
- **If I treat it as a friend and bid it welcome,** (make provision for it and hate to part with it,)
- **if I roll it under my tongue as a sweet morsel,**
- **if I delight in it after the inward man,**

Job 27:9

9 Will God hear his cry
When trouble comes upon him?
NKJV

Prov 28:9

9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,

Even his prayer is an abomination.
NKJV

Isa 59:2
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.
NKJV

Isa 1:15-20
15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.
16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.
18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD," Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
NKJV

1 John 1:9
9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
NKJV

In response to Ps. 66, The Bible Knowledge Commentary states, **"The point is clear: God's people, when in need, should purify their hearts and pray to Him. Then He will answer and not withhold His loyal love, and other believers may praise and exalt Him."**