

## Imagination

### Lesson 3 “How To Change The Picture”

I. Introduction - We are continuing our series on “Imagination” today. We are studying this because the Lord has been speaking double to me and I want all of you to walk in double in every aspect of your life. I want you to see what God sees so you can step into your destiny.

#### A. Review

1. We have studied the *Ephesians 1* prayer that Paul prayed for the eyes of our imagination would be flooded with light to see God’s calling and promises.
  - a. This causes words to come into concept so we can see what God sees. This is the blueprint for our destiny.
  - b. When we can see it (on the inside), we’ll be able to see it on the outside. We will see what we see and step into our destiny.
2. Last week we talked about the importance of “Seeing Double.” We must see our natural situation (sin, poverty, sickness) and then see it through the finished work of the cross. The cross redeems our mess and turns it into a blessing.

B. Today we’re going to talk about how to change the picture on the inside so we see what God sees. When we change the picture, we’ll change our focus and we’ll reproduce what we see.

## II. How To Change the Picture

### A. **Ephesians 6:14**

1. Waist - **osphÿs**, os-foos'; of uncertain affinity; the loin (externally), i.e. the hip; internally (by extension) procreative power:—loin. **The Hebrews believed this is where generative power (semen) resided.**
2. We gird our waist with truth because we will reproduce what we see so we want to reproduce truth (God’s legitimate children) as opposed to lies (the devil’s illegitimate children).
3. **1 Peter 1:13 gird up the loins of your mind.**
  - a. In that culture men wore tunics. They would tuck the tunic into their belt girdle so they could run faster or work more easily. If they let the tunic hang out they would be hindered in their work and trip all over the place.
  - b. The same is true with our imagination (it is where generative power comes from). If we let it run all over the place, we’ll be hindered in reproducing that which God wants us to reproduce.
4. How do we do this? We must be intentional. A big part of this is our focus and the words we say.

- a. **Psalm 45:1**
- b. **Proverbs 7:2-3**
- c. We don't fight thought with thoughts, we fight them with words. Jesus said, "take no thought saying." When you say words you take thoughts.
- d. Count to 100 example

**B. Romans 4:13-16-21 Abram to Abraham**

- 1. **Verse 13** - God promised Abraham he would be heir of the world.  
**Genesis 15:1-6 - God gave Abram a picture or blueprint for his new reality.**
- 2. In **Genesis 16** Abram didn't gird up his loins and gave birth to an illegitimate child, Ismael.
- 3. **Verse 17** - God calls those things thing that be no as though they are by changing Abram's name from exalted father to father of many nations.
  - a. **Genesis 17:5.** A change of identification means a change in purpose. Abram was an exalted father. God changed his name to father of many nations to change Abraham's picture on the inside.
  - b. Abraham because he had to walk around town and introduce himself as the father of many nations. How crazy must that have been at 99?
- 4. **Verses 18-21** - Abraham continued to believe in hope when everything looked impossible. We walk by faith, not sight.
  - a. Key to doing this is where we focus our attention (the promise/picture on the inside/words) or the current picture on the outside (his and Sarah's old bodies). We will reproduce what we look at.
  - b. **Hebrews 11:15** We won't be tempted by that which we don't consider.
  - c. He was strengthened by magnifying God. **Psalm 37:4 magnify the Lord with me.** Magnifying God doesn't make God bigger, it changes our focus to God so we see our situation properly.
  - d. Abraham eventually became fully convinced.
- 4. Look at **Hebrews 11:12** - references **Genesis 15:5** and **22:17**. Abraham reproduced what he saw.

III. Conclusion - We reproduce what we are looking at. The key to seeing the will of God come to pass in your life, is to focus on the picture He is giving you and to not consider other images.

A. This doesn't come by accident. We must be intentional.

- 1. Change your words to line up God's blueprint.
- 2. Allow the Holy Spirit to give you images of what God sees so you can see it.

