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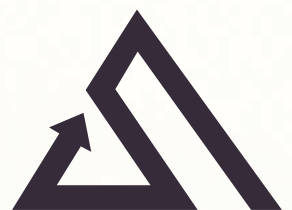
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Do you know God has more for you than you're experiencing? If you're like most Christians I've met, you answered "yes."

The reason why is because none of us have reached our full potential. We all need to keep pursuing the things of God. John 10:10 says, "*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it **more abundantly***" (emphasis mine). Some translations say life "to its fullest."

Yet, the average Christian is living way below what God intended for them, and they don't know how to go from where they are to where they need to be. Instead, they spend a lot of time praying, fasting, and begging God for change. They're waiting on Him to do something.

That's not the way the Scriptures teach us to change. **God has a system of change, and unlike the world's system, it's supposed to be effortless.**

People hear the term "effortless change" and think it's impossible. "*With God all things are possible*" (Matt. 19:26). Many believe that change has to be traumatic and painful. However, Mark 4 shows us that a seed doesn't travail or groan to change and produce fruit. It's the nature of the seed to grow into a tree and then produce fruit. In the same way, God's Word will change our lives for the better, effortlessly. It's the nature of God's Word to bring about change within us.

The verses the Lord used to transform my life back in 1968 were Romans 12:1–2 (emphasis mine):

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed to this world:** but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Notice that verse 2 in particular says, "*And be not conformed to this world.*" The word *conform* means to be poured into the mould of something. **Life is like a furnace, and your experiences are going to have an impact on you. They will melt you, but you get to pick which mould you fit into.** The same things could happen to two different people, and yet one could choose to become better, while the other chooses to become bitter.

During this COVID pandemic, I've seen people respond in absolute terror and fear. They've based their lives on the fear of a virus that the vast majority of people recover from. It's sad that many Christians are just as fearful and depressed as those who don't know the Lord. There ought to be a difference.

The fear of death brings people into bondage, but the Word of God can change that fear into faith. Hebrews 2:15 says Jesus came to *“deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”* Unfortunately, our society has become very secular. God has been removed from most people’s thinking to such a degree that they are terrified of death because they think this life is all that there is.

God didn’t create us to be this way. **We need to change and begin living life to the fullest like Jesus said in John 10:10.**

We should not be afraid because we know that *“perfect love casteth out fear”* (1 John 4:18). We should be walking in health because we know that by Jesus’ stripes, we have already been healed (1 Pet. 2:24). We have promises that no plague will come near our dwelling and that God will give His angels charge over us (Ps. 91:10–11).

If you’re a Christian, you should be living at a higher level than people who don’t know the Lord. You should not be conformed to this world but be *“transformed by the renewing of your mind”* (Rom. 12: 2).

The word *transformed* here is the Greek word *metamorphoo*. It is where we get the word *metamorphosis* from, and it describes the process of a caterpillar spinning a cocoon and then coming out of it a beautiful butterfly.

In order to change from something that is earthbound (and many times ugly and creepy) to something beautiful that soars, you have to renew your mind.

Transformation—metamorphosis—happens by renewing your mind to God’s Word. This means that the Word of God starts to dominate your thinking.

For many people, this sounds too simple. However, you aren’t going to change until you change the way you think because you can’t rise above your thoughts. Most people are looking for change from the outside. But change starts in your heart through the renewing of your mind. It doesn’t come from the outside in. It comes from the inside out.

Proverbs 23:7 says, *“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”* **Your life is going the direction of your dominant thoughts.**

If you’re waiting for God to do something to change your circumstances, the ball is in your court. God is waiting on you. He has more for you, and it doesn’t

have to be traumatic for you to get there. You can change effortlessly.

I share more on this in my *Effortless Change* teaching. It contains some of the most transformative, foundational things that God has ever spoken to me. I can truthfully say that any good thing God has done in my life happened because of these truths. The teaching is available as a book and study guide, as a CD or DVD album. You can order them at: **awme.net/shop**, by calling our UK Helpline on **+44 (0)1922 473300**, or by filling out and returning the enclosed form.

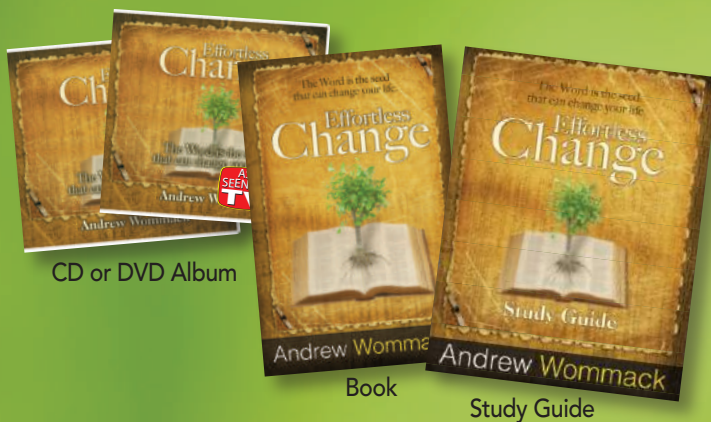
You can also watch me teach on this important topic on my *Gospel Truth* television program this month. It will help you move from where you are toward where God wants you to be—*effortlessly*. **GT**

We love you,

Andrew and Jamie

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God did not create any of us to be mediocre. Jesus came so that we might have abundant lives. If you desire to live your life to its fullest, change is inevitable, but it doesn’t have to be traumatic. It can be effortless. Find out how when you get Andrew’s *Effortless Change* teaching. Learn more at **awme.net/shop**.



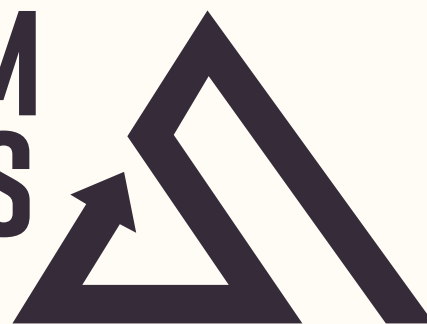
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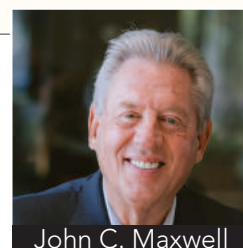
KINGDOM BUSINESS SUMMIT

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Focus on Leadership at the Kingdom Business Summit



John C. Maxwell

As a Christian business leader, are you unleashing your full potential? Many business owners and entrepreneurs begin their journey with a vision or a dream—but this dream needs to be fostered. God wants you to thrive in all aspects of your life, including in your business. The Kingdom Business Summit 2021—hosted by Billy Epperhart, the CEO of Andrew Wommack Ministries—is the perfect opportunity to advance in Bible-based business skills and form a network of connections with other like-minded professionals.

The Kingdom Business Summit will take place 16th-18th June in The Auditorium, a world-class performing arts and conference venue on the campus of Charis Bible College in beautiful Woodland Park, Colorado. Over the course of three days, attendees will learn valuable marketing, recruitment, leadership, and business planning skills—all through a biblical perspective to achieve God's purpose.

Featured speaker John C. Maxwell will share his wisdom and experience as a pastor, author, and business leader. He has developed several organisations dedicated to equipping emerging corporate leaders and Christians in the professional world. In 2014, he was named the number one leadership expert in the world by *Inc.* magazine. John is a *New York Times* bestselling author and has written more than one hundred books.

John started as a pastor of a small church in Ohio, where he quickly realised an important form of leadership is connecting with others and growing in knowledge and wisdom together. John has dedicated his life to teaching others from all levels of expertise. He advises Fortune 500 company leaders,

university staff and students, and church members and community leaders. Part of his mission is to prepare others to realise their purpose and change the world. "My passion in life is growing and equipping others to do remarkable things and lead significant and fulfilled lives," John says.

This summit brings together successful business leaders every year to teach attendees how to achieve similar success. Learn how they have applied biblical strategies and proven methods to their business, and hear inspiring stories to help you on your own business journey. You are an integral part of the business community in the kingdom of God, and you will leave with a wealth of business-building strategies that you can put into place.

No matter the size of your business, the Kingdom Business Summit is an opportunity to develop your vision, form connections, sharpen your business skills, and hear God's voice for your next steps. God wants you to fulfil your purpose and elevate your business to bring profitable growth. To register or learn more, visit **KingdomBusinessSummit.net**. We hope to see you there! **GT**





Transforming Lives in Africa

Charis Bible College graduate Ricky Burge has spent the last five years transforming lives in Africa with the message of God's unconditional love and grace. Ricky experienced his own transformation through a powerful encounter with God.

From Gary, Indiana, Ricky had a difficult childhood. His parents divorced when he was just eight years old. He spent much of his time on his own, getting into gangs, drugs, and running with the wrong crowd.

One night, after partying and drinking, Ricky woke up in an abandoned house, having been robbed and left for dead. This served as a wake-up call for him—he realised his life needed to change.

Ricky reached out to the one person he could trust, his cousin, who gave him a Christian rap CD. Listening to the CD repeatedly, Ricky heard Romans 3:12:

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

This verse helped Ricky realise we all need a saviour, and that God would love and accept him. He attended his cousin's Bible study. The group prayed for him and laid hands on him—and he met God for the first time. Afterwards, he got a job and began living right.

However, in his heart, Ricky felt empty and knew God had a deeper purpose for him. One of his church elders invited him to Andrew's Gospel Truth Conference in Chicago. Ricky attended the conference and felt God call him to Charis.

Ricky soon moved to Colorado to enrol in Charis. As a student, he read the Bible and listened carefully in every class. God highlighted Isaiah 58:12 to him:

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Through this scripture, Ricky saw parallels between his life as an African American and Moses' life as an Israelite raised in Egypt. He soon realised God was calling him to Africa. Seeing Ricky's passion and gifting, Mark Rowe, director of Discipleship Evangelism Missional Outreach (DEMO)—one of the outreach arms of AWM—established Ricky as Africa DEMO director.

In Africa, Ricky ministered using the Discipleship Evangelism course created by Andrew Wommack and Don Krow. Ricky explains, "There's not been one place I go where people understand grace. With the Discipleship Evangelism program, what you see is growth. You see Christians who are born again. They're not stuck anymore. Their eyes are being opened. The truth is setting them free."

After five years of ministering in Africa, Ricky has travelled back to Colorado to work closely with the Charis World Outreach team. The seeds of grace and faith he planted in Africa are still at work touching people's lives.

Thank you, partners. You're helping us raise up leaders like Ricky who are going out and changing the world. To learn more about Ricky's story, visit L.awmi.net/RickyBurge. **GT**



Fighting the Good Fight of Faith

By Arthur Meintjes



About Arthur Meintjes

An Adjunct Instructor at Charis Bible College, Arthur infuses his students with the message of God's unconditional love and mercy and His desire to build up and bring restoration to people.

With classes such as Essential Truths of the New Testament, The Heart "Essence" of the Gospel, and Let Freedom Reign, his students gain an understanding of the empowering grace needed to live a godly life.

To learn more about Charis, visit CharisBibleCollege.Org.Uk

Are you fighting the good fight of faith? First Timothy 6:12 (NKJV) says, *"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."* This is a calling upon every believer to live and enjoy the benefits of the "God kind of life," but unfortunately, in such crazy times as these, it has been difficult for many to heed this call.

In a time like this, we as the church should be able to live from a different standard. The unfortunate thing is that many people have a misunderstanding about what it is to live a life of faith and who can live a life of faith. When people step out with a dedication to living that life of faith, an unnatural resistance rises, and they begin to think that only strong believers can truly live by faith. But this is not so!

To live a life of faith is something all of us should be able to do, no matter the circumstances we find ourselves in. Jesus never said you need a bucketload of faith before you are able



to speak to your mountain; He said, *"If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you"* (Matt. 17:20, NKJV).

If you still think that you can't measure up to your church leaders or ministers, think of Jesus' disciples in Luke 8:22–25 (NKJV). Jesus spoke to them in verse 22 and said, *"Let us cross over to the other side of the lake"* and His disciples stepped out in faith; they found a boat and set sail. But when the storm arose and their fear overtook their senses, they didn't notice something crucial: *"They were filling with water, and were in jeopardy"* (verse 23), and yet they did not sink. They had acted on what Jesus told them to do—they went out in the boat—and even though everything that could go wrong, did go wrong, they stayed afloat.

A life of faith is inspired by knowing how much God values and cares for His people. If you have found it hard to keep fighting, then you need to know that God is pleased with you! If you dare to step out and trust Him, He will come through for you. He will bring you to your purpose in life, just as Jesus brought His disciples through the storm. **GT**



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In 1976, Andrew Wommack's first segment of the *Gospel Truth* aired on the radio in Childress, Texas. Twenty-four years later, on January 3, 2000, the first television episode of the *Gospel Truth* aired. Today—in addition to watching the *Gospel Truth* on television—you can find Andrew's teachings on our website, **awme.net**, and on **GospelTruth.TV**, social media, apps, and television streaming services.

For users who have discontinued cable or satellite and have chosen a streaming service such as Roku, you can find the Andrew Wommack Ministries channel and add us to the list of your programs! Access hundreds of teaching videos for free—any time of the day—and watch according to your schedule. To learn how to add AWM to your Roku channel, go to our website and click on the Watch tab for instructions.

AWM now offers three podcasts that you can listen to on the go. *Andrew Wommack Recorded Live*, *Gospel Truth*, and the *Charis Daily Live Bible Study* are free to download through a podcast provider. You can find us on iHeartRadio, Pandora, Stitcher, and Spotify. Visit our Podcasts page under the Listen tab on our website to see which apps are supported.

On Spotify, Andrew and Jamie created a radio station where listeners can add modern or classical music to their playlists that point them back to God. The four playlists to choose from are "Grace & Faith"; "In God We Trust"; "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come"; and "Peaceful Christmas Instrumental." Although the playlists contain multiple artists, they also include selections from Charis Worship, Charlie & Jill LeBlanc, Robert & Elizabeth Muren, Mark Bovee, and more.

Andrew and Jamie are excited to use Spotify as a creative outlet to share the Gospel far and deep. Go to **spotify.com** or download the app in the App Store for free!

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