

Power Over Presence

I was motivated to read an on-line Max Lucado devotional story about his pet dog. The dog is a family favorite bringing the love and obedience that comes from a loyal family dog. But the dog had tendencies that are common to all dogs. The dog ate food scraps from the trash, licked plates in the dishwasher and lapped water from the toilet. That's just what dogs do. It was his nature to do so. However, with proper guidance the behavior could be changed. Changing the dog's behavior would require going deeper, and in effect, it would change who it was. The goal is for the dog to become more like the human family members.



God wants to change who you are. While you are surrounded by the presence of sin, God wants to change the power of sin in your life. He wants to empower you to be able to resist the temptations that seek to derail you. We need to be open and listen to God's direction. *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you (Psalm 32:8)*

Our human nature can be changed but only through a power greater than ourselves. The Lucado dog couldn't change his behavior on his own. For the dog it would require a loyalty to the master, a willingness to learn and change. The same is true for us. A change in our human nature is only possible because of a power greater than ourselves, a willingness to change and a loyalty to our Master – Jesus Christ.

If you are willing Jesus will give you the power to overcome the presence of temptations in your life. It requires a transformation deep in who we are. Human nature can be changed, so we can be more like Christ. That is the goal leading towards salvation. There is a better way to live your life, living for Christ.

The Bible Says: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

Question: Are you open to changing your nature to be make an effort to be more like Jesus Christ?

Prayer: We live in a human environment with sin all around us. Give us the power to overcome our human nature and seek a Godly nature. Amen.

Max Lucado example is based on the story "Changing Our Nature" from his book, Next Door Savior.