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A Process of Life Change (ch. 47)

Where Do I Begin?

- This is the most important question for application!
 - Good intentions must become life-change.
 - "We don't plan to fail, we fail to plan." (p. 361)
- Make a decision to change.
- Come up with a plan- How am I going to do this?
 - A plan is a specific course of action for how you're going to reach your objectives.
 - The more specific you plan, the more likely you'll succeed.
- Follow through
 - Get started.
 - Use a checklist.
 - Set up relationships of accountability.
 - Evaluate your progress.
 - Know yourself and how God has worked in you before.

3 Suggestions to Get Started (ch. 48)

1. Begin a personal bible study program.
 - Determine your objectives.
 - Establish your priorities.
 - Set a schedule.
 - Develop discipline.
 - Getting started...
 - Start with a short NT book (Philippians , 1 John, or James)
 - Next, go to a short OT book (Jonah or Nehemiah)
 - Keep a notebook
 - Share what you are learning!



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2. Form a small Bible study group.
 - This helps motivate you.
 - It allows for participation and involvement.
3. Share your results with others.
 - Share it in a Sunday School class or a home Bible study.
 - Share it by living it!
 - The greatest impact that you can have on people- a changed life
 - People are tired of words, but starving for authenticity.

Small Group Bible Study Tips

- Leadership is key
- Determine the purpose of the group
- Recruit people who want to study the Bible
- Make sure that everyone gets a chance to participate
- Encourage discussion
- Stick to the Bible
- Show enthusiasm
- Keep the group small
- Keep your commitment...to the purpose and the time.