



INSTRUMENTS IN THE REDEEMER'S HANDS

Lesson 11 – Do I: Applying Change to Everyday Life

Concepts and Objectives

- **Concept:** To help someone change, I must have a biblical agenda for change that reflects biblical commands, principles, promises, and priorities.
- **Personalized:** I must always ask, “What are God’s goals for change in me as I face relationships and situations?”
- **Related to others:** In personal ministry, I must always ask, “How can I support this person in the process of change?”

Lesson Content

“Do” teaches us how to carefully _____ the truths we have learned, the personal insights we have gained, and the commitments we have made to the situations and relationships of daily living.

Four things are essential:

1. Establishing your personal ministry agenda.
2. Clarifying responsibility.
3. Instilling identity in Christ.
4. Providing accountability.

1. Establishing Personal Ministry Agenda

An agenda is simply a _____ for accomplishing a goal.

Because our goal is more than denouncing sin, and because we really do want to be God’s instruments of lasting change, it is vital to know exactly where we are going and what we need to do to get there.

Consider three agenda-setting questions:

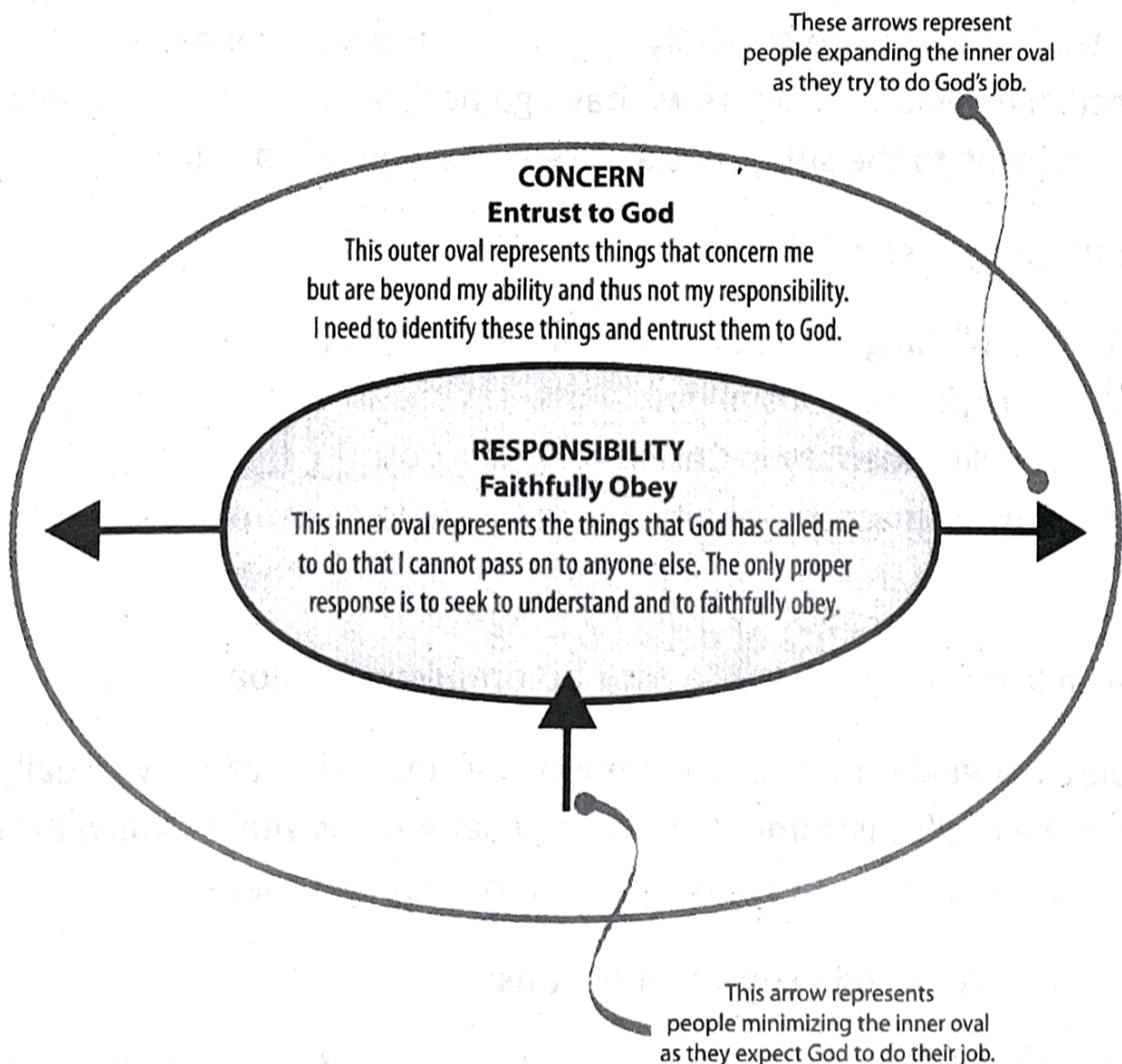
1. What does the _____ say about the information that has been gathered?
2. What are _____ goals for change for this person in this situation?

3. What are _____ methods for accomplishing God's goals for change?

2. Clarify Responsibility

Three conditions of people:

1. Irresponsible: They fail to fulfill the responsibilities to which God has clearly called them.
2. Overly Responsible: They tend to take as their responsibility things that God has not called nor enabled them to do.
3. Genuinely Confused: They are not sure which things are their God-given jobs and which things they can (and should) entrust to Him.



Notice the problems:

1. Overly Responsible "Mini-messiahs"
 - a. Will experience discouragement, frustration, and failure when trying to do God's job.

- b. Will tend to leave undone the jobs that God, in His Word, has clearly assigned to them.
2. Irresponsible “waiters”
 - a. Will waste time and prayer waiting for God to do something He has assigned us to do.
 - b. Will keep wait as things worsen because of what has been left undone.

Trust and Obey (Romans 12:14-21)

We must always _____ those things that are out of our control to God, and we must always be faithful to _____ His clear and specific commands.

The Big Question: Do you minister to others with a clear sense of biblical direction and help them clarify their responsibilities before God?

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Concepts

1. The personal ministry process is not over at the point of insight. The insights that God has given a person must be applied to the situations and relationships of his or her daily life.
2. To help a person change, we must have a biblical sense of direction (agenda) that reflects God’s commands, principles, promises, and priorities.
3. One of the most important ways of functioning as an instrument of change is to help a person clarify responsibility.

Personalized

1. I must determine whether I am applying the insights that God gives me to the specifics of my daily life.
2. I must ask myself, “Are there places where I am trying to do God’s job and therefore failing to do what He has called me to do?”

3. In my own life, am I confusing personal insight with concrete biblical change?

Related to Others

1. Am I looking for God-given opportunities to encourage others to entrust to God those things that are out of their control?
2. Am I helping people to arrive at a clear biblical job description for their relationships and life situations?
3. Do I take time to establish a sense of direction in personal ministry so I can guide people to where God wants them to be?

Make It Real

1. What portions of Scripture help you to understand this person (or group), his situation, and his struggle in response to it?
2. What are God's goals for change for this person (or this group)?
3. How might you be part of encouraging this change? Pray regularly about this.
4. Where has this person (or group) tended to do God's job? (two circles)
5. Where has the person (or group) tended to wait for God to do what he has called him (or them) to do?
6. Have you clarified this issue of responsibility for him (or them)?
7. Where in your ministry to this person (or group) have you tended to be irresponsible, overly responsible, or confused?