

# The Christian Arsenal

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## TRANSFORMING GRACE Good News About Grace

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Part 7 of 9  
Philippians 2:5

### INTRO:

- Nicolo Paganini – “Paganini and one string.”
- Christopher Reeve
- Derrick Redmond

I think we focus too many times on the strings that dangle in our life.

What are the strings that dangle? I call them the inevitable.

### HOW TO BE TRANSFORMED BY GRACE

#### 1. CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK.

*“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:5 (NCV)*

*“Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect.” Romans 12:2 (NCV)*

When we are changed, when we are transformed, it has to do with our attitude.

Attitude is an inward feeling expressed in a behavior.

Other people don't create your spirit; they only reveal it.

#### THREE ATTITUDE ACCIDENTS

- The thoughts we think

*“Be careful what you think because thoughts run your life.” Prov. 4:23*  
What comes out is what went in.

- The company we keep.

*“Do not be fooled, bad friends will ruin good habits.” I Cor. 15:33*

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The people you're surrounding yourself with right now are either making you or breaking you.

- The problems we possess.

**P** roblems are predictions

**R** eminder that life is tough.

**O** pportunities to learn.

**B** lessings to receive *"When you have many kinds of troubles you should be full of joy"* James 1:2

**L** essons to learn.

**E** verywhere.

**M** essages for us.

**S** olvable.

Jesus does not care where your problems have taken you, but he does care where you are going.

## 2. **CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON OTHERS.**

*"Do not be interested in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others."*  
Phil 2:4 (NCV)

BARNES AND NOBLE MAGAZINE RACK:

Life

People

US

Self

We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.

## 3. **CHARGE THROUGH YOUR QUITTING POINTS**

It is much easier to quit something than to continue.

*"I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us."* Phil 3:13,14 (TLB)

*"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials for we know they are good for us. They help us to learn to be patient and patience develops strength of character."* James 1:2-4

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## 4. CHART A COURSE FOR GROWTH.

*"I have thought much about your words and stored them in my heart so that they would hold me back from sin."* Psalm 119:11 (TLB)

- Memorize
- Personalize
- Analyze

**MONDAY:** Why should I be concerned about my future when the Bible says, *"I say this because I know what I am planning for you, says the Lord. I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."* Jer. 29:11 (NCV)?

**TUESDAY:** Why should I be afraid when the Bible says, *"God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid, but a spirit of power and love and self-control."* 2 Tim. 1:7 (NCV)?

**WEDNESDAY:** Why should I be afraid when the Bible says, *"Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you."* 1 Peter 5:7 (TLB)?

**THURSDAY:** Why should I feel worthless when the Bible says, *"For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God because He owns it."* 1 Cor. 6:20 (TLB)?

**FRIDAY:** Why should I say I can't when the Bible says, *"I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power."* Phil 4:13 (TLB)?