

MCC Disciplemaker's Plan Book

Key Thought: Two Approaches to Character Transformation

Will-Based	Grace-Based
<p>Focus is on the individual and his ability to choose correctly.</p> <p>Goal – recognize strengths and abilities. (leads to pride)</p> <p>Human “will” somehow escaped the Fall. I can choose God and his ways if I want to and try hard. (lays “heavy burdens on men’s backs”)</p> <p>Spirituality is measured by activities and achievements. (I get the glory)</p> <p>The person still operates alone, God or others not seen as necessary.</p> <p>Sin produces guilt & shame. Leads to remorse and a sense of failure. Sorrow is about me (getting caught). Trying to manage sin.</p> <p>Strength and pride. Pride leads to God’s opposition.</p> <p>Victory now. Ignore reality.</p> <p>Hiding sin and difficulty. Goal – no one knows I struggle. Living in darkness.</p> <p>Self-control is the power. Will is the start of the process.</p>	<p>Focus is on relationship with God and others.</p> <p>Goal – recognize weaknesses and inabilities. (leads to humility)</p> <p>The Fall made it impossible for me to choose God’s ways. I need His grace to empower me. (admit your inability & yield to Jesus’ yoke)</p> <p>Spirituality is measured by loving God and others. (God gets the glory)</p> <p>Person depends on God and others. Needs the Body of Christ.</p> <p>Sin produces godly sorrow. Leads to conviction & repentance. Sorrow is about what hurt the other. Learning to hate sin like God does.</p> <p>Humility and vulnerability. Leads to God’s grace – he will lift you up.</p> <p>Reality now. Victory will follow.</p> <p>Exposing sin and difficulty. Goal – no one thinks I’ve arrived. Living in the Light.</p> <p>Self-control is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-filled life is the start.</p>

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