

What needs to *CHANGE* so that next time won't be like last time?

We learn from our mistakes in the areas that matter the least.

But we repeat our mistakes in the areas that matter most.

Change needs to start in "ME", before it starts with "WE".

What needs to change in me to make sure that next time isn't like last time?

1. THE EXPERIENCE MYTH

When a wise person sees danger ahead, he avoids it. But a foolish person keeps going and gets into trouble. Proverbs 22:3

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.
Proverbs 26:11

It isn't experience that makes us wiser.

It is evaluated experience that makes us wiser.

2. THE KNOW BETTER MYTH

The heart is deceitful above all things and it is extremely sick; Who can understand it fully *and* know its secret motives?
Jeremiah 17:9

We don't just make choices with our head.

We also make choices with our heart.

We trade momentary pleasure for lasting pain.

Romans 7:18-21

18 I want to do what is right, but I can't. **19** I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. **20** But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. **21** I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.

Romans 8:11-14

11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. **12** Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. **13** For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

3. THE TIME MYTH

Proverbs 29:20

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

James 3:13

If you are wise, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth.

Proverbs 14:16

Wise people are careful and stay out of trouble, but fools are careless and quick to act.

Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

The greater the gap the greater the work God is doing in you.

The greater the gap the greater the work that God wants to do through you.

Your limitations are not your lid.

**Your limitations are the leverage the God wants to use to show his strength
in your life.**

**We have to let our dreams die so that God can bring His dreams to life in
us.**

**Our dreams can stand in the way of the bigger dreams that God has in
store for us.**
