

What Starts Within Ends Up Outside.

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Chorus:

C G7 C F G7 C
The God who powered Jesus is the God who dwells within us.
F G7 C F G7 C
Let God inside be your guide. What starts within ends up outside.

Verse One:

C G7 C F G7 C
Miracles happen in backward fashion. If you'd receive, then show compassion.
F G7 C F G7 C
Selfish prayers are weak indeed. The strongest prayers are for those in need.

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Verse Two:

C G7 C F G7 C
If you need some love, give some love, If you need a friend, be a friend.
F G7 C F G7 C
If you have a need, help someone in need. If you need some light, become a light.

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For Meditation and Self-reflection

John 14:12: *“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”*

Romans 12:2: *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Philippians 4:8: *“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.”*

Galatians 5:22: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

If you want your car to go faster, the best way to make that happen would be to change the engine. To change what happens on the outside, the best place to start is on the inside. Dr. Wayne Dyer once said, *“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”* What we think or expect is going to happen strongly influences what actually does happen. Our firmly held beliefs about the future tend to become self-fulfilling prophecies.

Napoleon Hill once wrote a book entitled *“Think and Grow Rich,”* which gave great impetus to the “self-help” movement. The idea is that our thoughts are very powerful, and positive thinking really does work. Our thoughts are powerful, because we are all spiritual beings, living inside physical bodies. As children of God, we have the innate ability to perform miracles, and are able change our physical circumstances through the power of thought.

Each of us has a firmly-held belief system, which profoundly influences the direction and circumstances of our lives. We all tend to create our own realities, either intentionally or unintentionally. This power can be used for good or evil. Positive thoughts yield positive results, and negative thoughts yield negative results. The reason most of us are not aware of this is due to the time delay between the positive thought and the resulting effect. Sometimes the reward comes quickly. In other cases, we don't reap the reward until after death.

When the physical rewards are delayed, God provides us with intangible rewards to sustain us while we wait. Love, joy and peace are available to us now, while we patiently wait for the tangible rewards that come later.