

## HOW TO CREATE POSITIVE AND PERMANENT PERSONAL CHANGE - Part III

Reference: **Genesis 32:22-32**

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Some of the changes from the 1950s to the beginning part of this century:

### 1950s

cash  
saving  
delayed gratification

\_\_\_\_\_ certainty  
investing  
neighborhood  
\_\_\_\_\_ class

exports  
mom and dad  
press conference  
achievement

commitment

USA  
"\_\_\_\_\_"

### NOW

credit cards  
spending  
instant gratification

\_\_\_\_\_ absolutes  
ambivalence  
leveraging  
image  
\_\_\_\_\_ warfare

imports (from China)  
single parents  
photo opportunities  
fame and celebrity  
status  
divorce, bankruptcy,  
etc.

out sourcing  
"\_\_\_\_\_"

**Principle:** Not all change is \_\_\_\_\_ (there are good changes and bad changes and bad change is not an improvement) but without change there can be no \_\_\_\_\_.

ONE...God sometimes uses a **crisis** to initiate change.

**verses twenty-four** and **twenty-five** (see screen)

TWO...We must be **committed** to changing.

**verse twenty-six** (see screen)

THREE... We should \_\_\_\_\_ our need to change.

**verse twenty-seven** (see screen)

Reference: **Genesis 25:29-34; Genesis 27:1-36a; I Corinthians 15:33;**

**I Peter 5:5b** (see screen)

FOUR... We should \_\_\_\_\_ with God in creating and sustaining change.

**verse twenty-eight** (see screen)

The name Israel means, "He \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_."

**verses twenty-nine** through **thirty-two** (see screen)

The fact that Jacob acquired this lifelong painful limp reminded him of two important lessons:

One, it reminded him that he should depend on God and not his own \_\_\_\_\_.

Two, it reminded him that it is never God's solution to \_\_\_\_\_ from a problem.

### CONCLUSION:

*"In the end it is important to remember that we cannot become what we need to \_\_\_\_\_ by remaining what we \_\_\_\_\_!"*

**Max Dupree**