

Getting Ready for the Future
Coping With Change

I. Introduction

II. Three Changes That Are Causing Stress

- A. Everything is moving _____.
1. When your pace of life is so fast that life becomes a _____, you can't _____ very well!
- B. Every _____ is getting _____.
1. We are inundated with _____ today!
- C. Every _____ is being challenged.

III. Three Things That Will Never Change

- A. _____ never changes.
1. Malachi 3:6a (NAS) *"For I, the LORD, do not change."*
 2. God never changes because He's _____!
 3. Jeremiah 31:3b (NAS) *"I have loved you with an everlasting love."*
 4. God will _____ stop _____ you!
- B. _____ never changes.
1. Isaiah 40:8 (NAS) *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.*
 2. _____!

- C. God's _____ for my life never changes.
1. Jeremiah 29:11 (NAS) *"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."*
 2. Psalm 139:16 (NLT) *You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

IV. Three Questions About God's Purpose for My Life

- A. "Can I _____ God's purpose for my life?"
1. You can live your entire life and never fulfill the _____ you were actually put on this earth!
- B. "Can I get back _____ after wasting years of my life?"
1. Psalm 33:11 (NLT) *But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken.*
 2. God has no _____ for your life!
- C. "What about all these _____ things I've done?"
1. Romans 8:28 (NAS) *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*
 2. God loves to turn things like _____ into _____!
 3. Psalm 56:11a (NLT) *I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?*

V. Conclusion