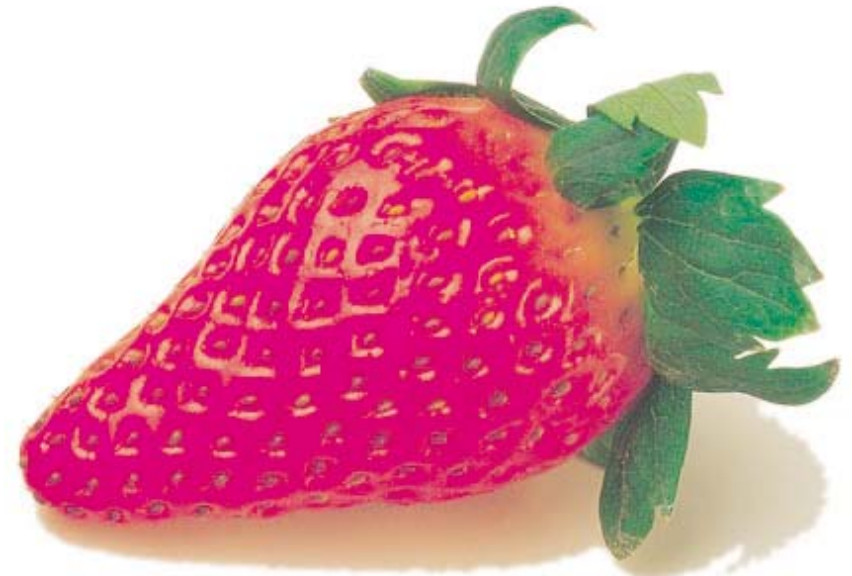


The fruit of the Spirit



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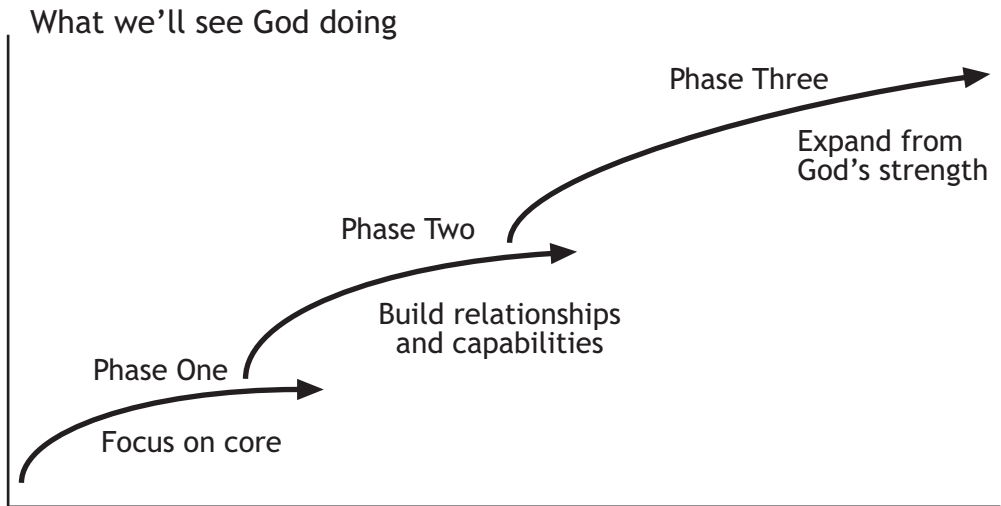
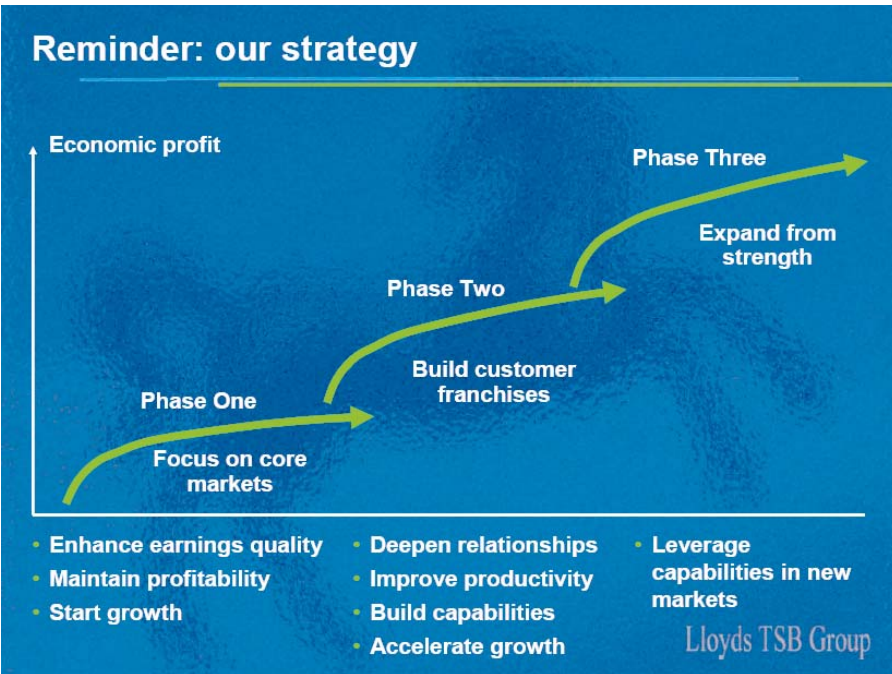
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Notes for Week 4 - The fruit of the Spirit

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Lloyds TSB strategy presentation given by Eric Daniels, Group Chief Executive, 24 Feb 2006

In "Mission to Work" we're looking to see God working at Lloyds TSB



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| <p>1. God and us
God changes our lives
We put God first
God starts our growth</p> | <p>2. Us and others
Deepen relationships
Build ability to serve
Our growth accelerates</p> | <p>3. God and others
Others see God is real
God gets praise and glory
The church grows</p> |
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1 Mark 12:30 - the most important commandment:
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"

- Week 1 - Our God and our goals
- Week 2 - Who are you, and what do you do?
- Week 4 - The fruit of the spirit**
- Week 5 - What does God want us to do?

Half of "Mission to Work" is about our core relationship with God. Without this we can't work in God's effective way.

2 Mark 12:31 - the second commandment:
"Love your neighbour as yourself"

- Week 3 - What difference do we make?
- Week 6 - Building relationships
- Week 7 - What is great service?

We also look at our relationships with people we work with. The quality of our work and our relationships reveals our character, and if God has changed this, then God becomes visible.

3 John 7:18 - directing people to God
"He who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth"

Week 8 - Credit where it's due

"Mission to Work" is not primarily about evangelism, but being changed by God and letting people see this within loving relationships will present a natural question: how did this happen? If we're good at crediting our sources, people can know God.



Warning! God does what God wants when God wants!

He doesn't fit into our neat plans, but expects us to fit into his, which often surprise us! So we can't predict what God will do, but we can learn to see what he does with us...



God at work!

Acts 2:19 - "I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below"



We're looking for **SIGNS** - things you see God doing during your work day at Lloyds TSB. For example, spiritual fruit or answers to prayer.



and **WONDERS** - things which give you awe and may prompt more questions than answers. God wants us to ask more and deepen our relationship with him.

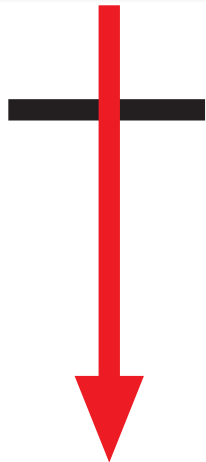


What happened when we believed in God? How does that change who we are?



Before we knew faith in God, we were locked up alone
"Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed."
 Galatians 3:23 (TNIV)

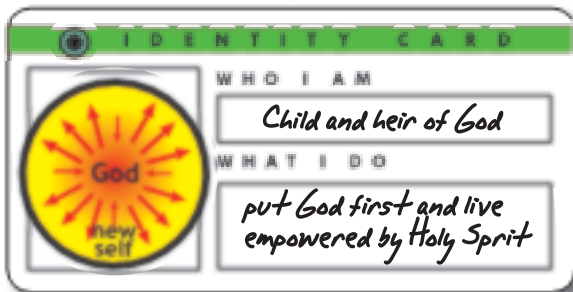
It is faith in Jesus and not a set of rules which puts us right
"[We] know that a person is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ."
 Galatians 2:16 (TNIV)



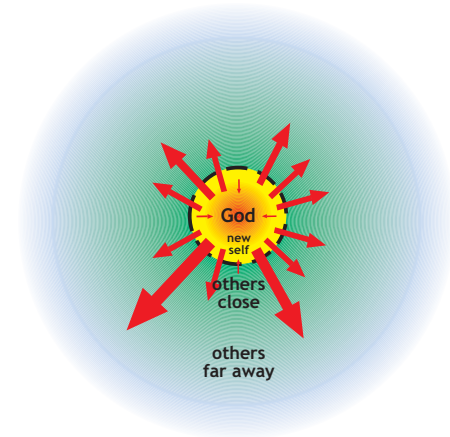
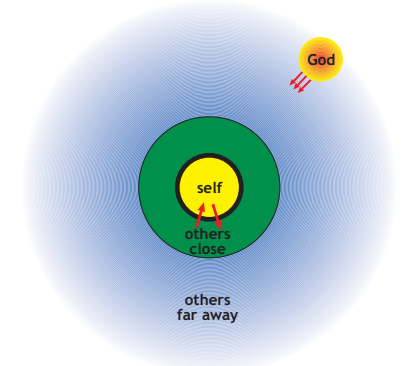
Through the cross our sin dies and we receive new life
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
 Galatians 2:20 (TNIV)

In this new life we have a new identity and status
"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ... If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
 Galatians 3:27 & 29 (TNIV)

By belonging to Christ, we receive freedom
"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
 Galatians 5:1 (TNIV)

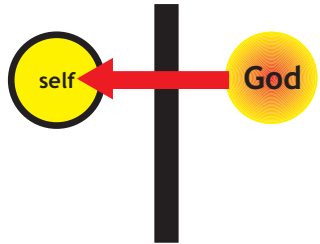


Yet we are called to use this freedom to love and serve others
"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself.""
 Galatians 5:13-14 (TNIV)





If I am changed in nature, why do I still want to do wrong things?



We have a self-centred origin and a sinful nature. Our new life is led by God's Holy Spirit.

These two are in conflict.

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”
Galatians 5: 16-18 (TNIV)



The *acts* of the sinful nature are...

“sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
Galatians 5:19-21 (TNIV)



But the *fruit* of the Spirit is...

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God worked to make us - Genesis 1:26 (TNIV)
“Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

to God from God

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tonight

plan prayer

love joy peace
patience kindness goodness
faithfulness gentleness self-control
thanks

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“Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”
Galatians 5:22-25 (TNIV)



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Where do we see the fruit of the Spirit?
What can we do to see more of it?

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Where am I seeing these in me?

Where am I seeing these in other people?

What can I do to see more?

A tool to help spot God at work and build our relationship with him through the day

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Here is what we bring to God:

Here is what we receive from God:

our adoration

our confession

our time

our schemes and plans

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the fruit of the spirit...

...and other things we see to thank God for

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