

The Road to Recovery

Eight Recovery Principles based on the BEATITUDES

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Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.

*"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor."
Matthew 5:3*

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

"Happy are the meek." Matthew 5:5

Openly examine and confess my faults to God, to myself and to another person whom I trust.

"Happy are the pure in heart." Matthew 5:8

Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life.

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires." Matthew 5:6

Evaluate all my relationships; offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, without expecting any reward.

"Happy are the merciful." Matthew 5:7

"Happy are the peacemakers." Matthew 5:9

Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His work for my life and gain the power to do it.

Yield myself to be used by God to bring this good news to others, both by me example and by my words.

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires." Matthew 5:10

WHERE?

DOWNTOWN CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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Northstar Community Church

116 NE 24 Street

Wilton Manors, Fl. 33305

WHEN?

Monday Evenings 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Music & Lecture: 7:00-8:00

Small Groups: 8:15-9:00

*Coffee & Refreshments during break

Small Groups Include:

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Step Groups

Women's Group

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Celebrate Recovery



Help With Our Hurts, Habits & Hangups

My Grace is enough for you: for where there is weakness, My power is shown more completely. Therefore I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of the power of Christ. I can even enjoy weakness, insults, privations, persecutions and difficulties for Christ's sake. For my very weakness makes me strong in Him.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"Celebrate Recovery"

The Purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the twelve steps. This experience allows us to "be changed". We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our lives' problems.

By working the steps and applying their biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our hurts, hang-ups and habits. Free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most important, a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through the steps, we discover our personal, loving higher power – JESUS CHRIST.

"Ask Yourself"

Ask yourself the following four questions, and if you answer "YES" to all of them, PRAY the prayer that follows. That's it! That's all you have to do. *(That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9)*

Do I ... Believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life? *(1 Corinthians 15:2-4)*

Do I ... Accept God's free forgiveness for my sins? *(Romans 3:22)*

Do I ... Switch to God's plan for my life? *(Mark 1:16, Romans 12:2)*

Do I ... Express my desire to Christ to be the director of my life? *(Romans 10:9)*

If you are willing to take these four steps, then pray this simple prayer:

"Dear God, I believe you sent Your son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life in the way you want me to. Please put Your Spirit in my life to direct me, Amen".

THE TWELVE STEPS AND THEIR BIBLICAL COMPARISONS

- 1.** Admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors. That our lives had become unmanageable.
I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. (Romans 7:18)
- 2.** Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)
- 3.** Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.
Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1)
- 4.** Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD. (Lamentations 3:40)
- 5.** Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16a)
- 6.** Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)

7. Humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

9. Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! (1 Corinthians 10:12)

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and power to carry that out.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Colossians 3:16a)

12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and practice these principles in all our affairs.

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)