

12 STEPS AND THEIR BIBLICAL COMPARISONS

1. We admitted we were powerless over our addiction and compulsive behaviors, and that our lives had become unmanageable. (Romans 7:18)
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. (Philippians 2:13)
3. We made a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God. (Romans 12:1)
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves. (Lamentations 3:40)
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. (James 5:16)
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. (James 4:10)
7. We humbly ask Him to remove all our shortcomings. (1John 1:9)
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. (Luke 6:31)
9. We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. (Matthew 5:23-24)
10. We continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admit it. (1Corinthians 10:12)
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. (Colossians 3:16)
12. Having a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs. (Galatians 6:1)

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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Freedom through Faith

Receive freedom from
your hang-ups and habits.

**Meeting: Thursdays at
7 PM at the Winchester
Church of God in the
Rehearsal Room.**

*"For it is by Grace that you have been saved,
through faith and this not from yourselves, it is
the gift of God."*

Ephesians 2:8

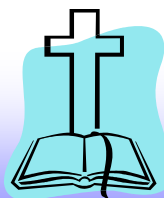
OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the **Celebrate Recovery** program is to spend time together and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the eight recovery principles and the Christ-centered twelve steps.

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 life's problems.

By working the **twelve Christ-centered steps** and applying their biblical principles we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others.

As we progress through the principles and the steps we discover our personal loving and forgiving **Higher Power—Jesus Christ**



The Road to Recovery

R = 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. (Principle 1/Step 1) *"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor."*

E = Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover. (Principle 2/Step 2) *"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

C = Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (Principle 3/Step 3) *"Happy are the meek."*

O = Openly examine and confess my faults to God, to myself, and to another person whom I trust. (Principle 4/Step 4 & 5) *"Happy are the pure in heart."*

V = Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life. (Principle 5 / Steps 6 & 7) *"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires."*

E = 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. (Principle 6 / Steps 8 & 9) *"Happy are the merciful. Happy are the peacemakers."*

R = Reserve a daily time with God for prayer, Bible reading and self-examination in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain power to follow His will. (Principle 7 / Steps 10 & 11)

Y = Yield myself to be used by God to bring this Good News to others, both by example and my words. (Principle 7 / Step 12) *"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires."*

Things we ARE:

A safe place to share

A refuge

A place of belonging

A place to care for others and be cared for

Where respect is given to each member

Where confidentiality is highly regarded

A place to learn

A place to grow and become strong again

Where you can take off your mask

A place for healthy challenges and risks

A possible turning point in your life

Things we Are NOT:

A place for selfish control

Therapy

A place for secrets

A place to look for dating relationships

A place to rescue or be rescued by others

A place for perfection

A long-term commitment

A place to judge others

A quick fix

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