

The Twelve Steps and The Biblical Comparison

1. We 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. We 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. We made a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters 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. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Let us examine our ways and test them, and return to the Lord (Lamentations 3:40).

5. We admitted to God and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed. (James 5:16).

6. We 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. We humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings.

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

8. We 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. We 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 you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admit it.

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

11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for the knowledge of His will and power to carry it out.

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

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principals in all of 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)

***Worship Service Closing** **Serenity Prayer**

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as a pathway to peace; taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will, so that I can be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen