

WHY DO I DO THAT?

Romans: The Life of Faith. The Power of Grace

Romans 7:14-25

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So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:21-25 (ESV)

Celebrate Recovery – A _____ to work through and overcome life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups in community with others.

EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

Principle 1 - Realize that I am not God. I _____ that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Principle 2 - Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the _____ to help me recover.

Principle 3 – Consciously _____ to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Principle 4 – Openly _____ and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Principle 5 – Voluntarily _____ to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

Principle 6 – _____ all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Principle 7 – Reserve a _____ time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

Rick Warren's **HEART** Check:

Ask yourself daily if you are...

Hurting

Exhausted

Angry

Resentful

Tense

Principle 8 – Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to _____, both by my example and by my words.

Serenity Prayer

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

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

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