

Lesson # 9 – Sunday – August 13, 2017
The 12 step program in Comparison to Scripture

- # 1. We admitted we were powerless over (Something sinful) - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- # 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- # 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- # 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- # 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- # 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- # 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- # 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- # 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**
- # 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**
- # 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to (Those in need), and to practice these principles in all our affairs (our life).

For this 1st Lesson we will be looking at Step # 10 & 11:

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For this lesson we will be looking at the importance of continuing to confess our sin.
We know what sin is by continual study of the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 32:5-6 - Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

Romans 3:19-20 – Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

Matthew 5:23-26 – “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. “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Acts 17:10-12 - As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for **they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day** to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we are asking God to help us to do HIS Will.

Matthew 6:9-15 - This, then, is how you should pray:" 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

A Pastor once said; "The Gospel is the gasoline for our Life."

Dig into the Word DAILY!

Study the Holy Writ, The Scriptures.