

## Twelve Steps and Their Biblical Comparisons

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 lives and our wills 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. We 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. We 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 5:16)
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 us 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 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. We 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. We 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 3:16)
12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to 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)

### 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 hardship 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 may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen

Reinhold Niebuhr



## RECOVERY GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery has touched and changed hundreds of thousands of lives in groups meeting worldwide.

All issues are welcomed and addressed.

Here are just a few:

- Codependency
- Anger Issues
- Food Addiction
- Chemical Addiction
- Sexual Addiction
- Control Issues
- Bitterness & Resentments
- Loneliness & Depression
- Love Relationship Issues
- Adult Children Of Family Dysfunction

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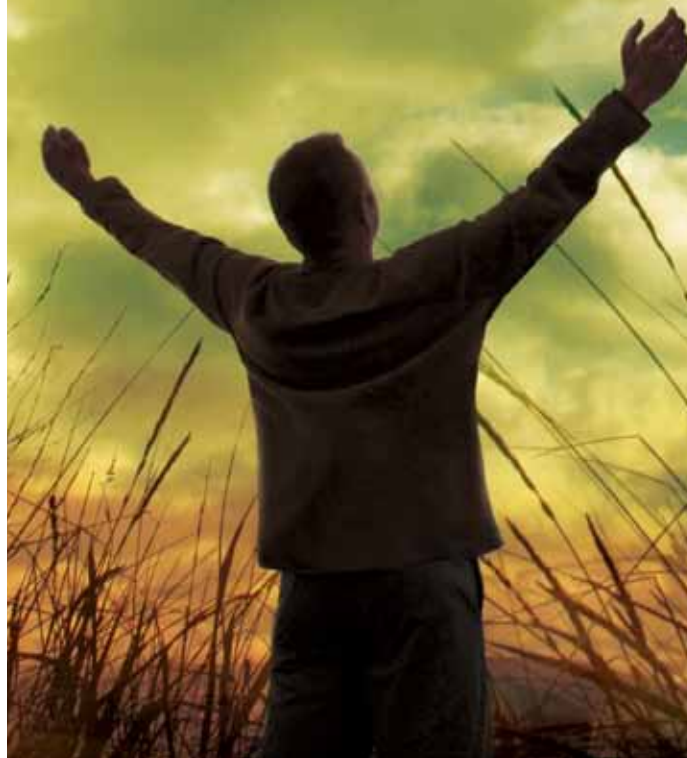
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A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*My Grace is sufficient for thee...*  
II Corinthians 12:9-10



# Celebrate Recovery

## PURPOSE

### WHY?

The purpose of Whitesburg's CELEBRATE RECOVERY is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 8 recovery principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-centered 12 steps. This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our hurts, experiences, and victories with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life's problems. By working the Christ-centered steps and applying their Biblical principles found in the Beatitudes, 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.

### WHO?

This is for EVERYONE who has a hurt, hang-up, or habit and who desires to get over it and get on with their life.

### WHAT?

CELEBRATE RECOVERY will provide you a safe place to share your hurts, experiences, hopes, etc. with others who are going through a Christ-centered recovery program.

C.R. will provide you with a leader who has gone through a similar hurt, hang-up, or habit who will facilitate the group as it focuses on a particular principle each week.

C.R. will provide you a place to learn, grow and become strong again.

C.R. will provide you with the opportunity to find an accountability partner or a sponsor.

C.R. will encourage you to attend other recovery meetings for help throughout the week.

C.R. will help you discover a personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power - Jesus Christ.

C.R. could be the turning point in your life!!

## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

### 8 Principles Based on the Beatitudes

1. Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.  
*"Blessed are the poor in spirit." (Matthew 5:3)*
2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to him and that he has the power to help me recover.  
*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)*
3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.  
*"Blessed are the meek." (Matthew 5:5)*
4. Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God and to someone I trust.  
*"Blessed are the poor in heart." (Matthew 5:8)*
5. Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask him to remove my character defects.  
*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." (Matthew 5:6)*
6. Evaluate 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.  
*"Blessed are the merciful." (Matthew 5:7)*  
*"Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5:9)*
7. Reserve a daily 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.
8. Yield myself to God to be used to bring this good news to others, both by my example and by my words.  
*"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness." (Matthew 5:10)*

Welcome to an Amazing  
Spiritual Adventure

## SMALL-GROUP GUIDELINES

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts and feelings. Please limit your sharing to 3-5 minutes.
2. There will be no cross talk, please. Cross talk is when two individuals engage in dialogue, excluding all others. Each person is free to express their feelings without interruption.
3. We are here to support one another. We will not attempt to "fix" another.
4. Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group. Exception is when someone threatens to harm themselves or others.
5. Offensive language has no place in a Christ-centered recovery group. Including no graphic descriptions.

### 12 Step Study

Make New Friends

Call for availability  
256-880-9254

Find A Sponsor

### Tuesday Nights

Child care available

Great Food

Meal

5:00 - 6:15 pm

Live Testimonies

Safe Place

Meetings

6:30 - 8:45 pm

Small Gender Specific Groups

*God Never Wastes A Hurt!!*

CROSS TALK CAFÉ

After Small Groups until 9:00 PM