

Lesson 24 Yes

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

“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires.” (Matthew 5:10)

Step 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 and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)



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When you reach this step you are ready to say YES to service.

YIELD myself to God Principle 8 sums up the **“Y”**: ***YIELD myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others***, both by my example and by my words.

“If a Christian is overcome by some sin,...humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that the next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. Share each other’s troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord’s command” (Galatians 6:1–2, TLB).

EXAMPLE is what is important Your walk needs to match your talk because your lifestyle reflects what you believe. Does your lifestyle show others the patterns of the world –selfishness, pride, and lust – or does it reflect the love, humility, and service of Jesus Christ?

“Arouse the love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith” (1 Timothy 1:5, GNB).

“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

SERVE others as Jesus Christ did When you have reached Principle 8, you are ready to pick up the “Lord’s towel,” the one with which He washed the disciples’ feet in the upper room. the night before He was crucified.

“And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow: do as I have done to you” (John 13:14–15, TLB).

How you can say YES

1. Be an accountability partner. Look for someone in your small group who will agree to encourage and support you as you work through the principles. You agree to do the same for that person. You hold one another accountable for working an honest program.

2.Be a sponsor. Sponsors are people who have worked the principles or the steps. Their job is to guide newcomers on their journey through the program, to give a gentle nudge when they are procrastinating or to slow them down when they are rushing through a step. Sponsors do so by sharing their personal journey on their road to recovery.

3.Be involved in Recovery Road and your church. There are many opportunities for service in this recovery ministry and in your church.

Remember, “You can’t keep it unless you give it away.”

Think/write/discuss

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1. If you knew that you couldn't fail, what would you like to do most for God in helping others?

2. What are some of the ways you can pick up the Lord's towel (John 13:14-15) today?

3. In the words of Step 12, how will you "practice these principles in all y/our affairs?"

4. Describe what the phrase, "You can't keep it unless you give it away", means in your recovery.

5. Create your own action plan for Principle 8

Principle 8 Verses

“What a wonderful God we have — He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God had given us” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, TLB).

“But watch out! Be very careful never to forget what you have seen God doing for you. May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles He did” (Deuteronomy 4:9, TLB).

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:7).

“Live and act in a way worthy of those who have been chosen for such wonderful blessings as these”(Ephesians 4:1, TLB).

“But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18, TLB).

“In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good” (Hebrews 10:24, TLB).

“When God’s children are in need you be the one to help them out...Don’t just pretend that you love others; really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good” (Romans 12:13,9, TLB).

“Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong” (Galatians 6:1, TLB).