

Repentance and Recovery

Addiction in America

Lesson 7

Review

This series will focus on Biblical principles used in the 12 step process of addiction recovery.

Steps to Repentance

1. Realization

that a change is needed

2. Reform

in behavior

3. Resilience

to continue the reformed behavior

The following are the original twelve steps
as published by Alcoholics Anonymous:

Step 12:

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps,
we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice
these principles in all our affairs.

What the Bible says about “carrying the message.”

There is work to be done

Matthew 9:37-38

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

What the Bible says about “carrying the message.”

Jesus commands followers to do it

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

What the Bible says about “carrying the message.”
Jesus is the only salvation

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

What the Bible says about “carrying the message.”

People won't be saved without hearing

Romans 10:11-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

What the Bible says about “carrying the message.”

Evangelism is necessary for your own growth in Christ

Philemon 6

And I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

Galatian Exhortation

Bear One Another's Burdens

6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. **3** For if any one thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. **5** For each man will have to bear his own load.

6 Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. **9** And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. **10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.