

Biblical versus used for steps came for

Father Richard Rohr "Breathing Under Water"

"I did not come for the healthy, but for those who need a doctor."

-Jesus (Luke 5: 31-32)

Step 1 WE ADMITTED Powerlessness, Unmanageability

I have Fear of debt, too much money, not enough, What do people think of me, What do I think of others in regards to wealth. Making a budget, being able to change my spending habits, considering debts dangers.

Romans 7: 15, 18

"I cannot understand my own behavior. I fail to carry out the very things I want to do, and find myself doing the very things I hate...for although the will to do what is good is in me, the performance is not"

Step 2 Came to believe He can restore me

From debt, from fear of what others think of me, from how money defines me.

Luke 15: 21

"While he was a long way off, the father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly."

Step 3 Turn our will and life over to Him.

My feeling about money, My fears, My frustrations, My thoughts of myself and others.

Mathew 7: 7-8

"Ask, and it will be given to you: Search and you will find; Knock, and the door will be open for your, For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door open."

Step 4 Made a searching and fearless moral Inventory of ourselves.

Look at my ability to budget, control debt, why do I have fears about finance, Why do I judge others. What in me makes me not want to look at my finances.

James 3: 14

"If inside you have the bitterness of jealousy, or a selfish ambition, never make any false claims for yourself or cover up the truth with lies."

Step 5 Admit to God, to myself and to another the nature of what I found in Step 4.

Fear, Pride, Ego, Worship of money or things

Psalms 32: 3-5

"All the times I kept silent and my bones wasted away. I groaned day in and day out, my heart grew parched as stubble in summer drought, and at last I admitted to you that I had sinned and no longer concealed my guilt."

Step 6 Entirely ready to have God remove those things I found in Step 5

I want to have those things that keep me from being a good steward of Gods resources removed.

Fear, Pride, Ego, Worship of money and things.

Philippians 3: 12

"Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, buy I am still running to capture the prize for which Jesus Christ captured me."

Step 7 Humbly ask God to remove the things that I want removed in Step 6

When I am willing to beg God to remove my fears, pride, ego and worship of money and things from me that puts me in a position to know Who is in charge of my life. Also how much I rely on Him for my peace of mind. So I can better serve Him and my fellows

Psalms 51: 1-2

"Have mercy on me, O God, In your goodness, in your great tenderness wipe away all my faults, wash me clean of my guilt, and purify me from all my sin."

Step 8 Made a list to those that I have harmed by acting out on things I asked Got to remove in step 7 and became willing to make amends

I have harmed others by prejudging them about their wealth (poor and rich). My family for my actions. I have passed my fears to others. I have been dishonest in my affairs. I have taken from this world.

Romans 2:1

"in judging others you condemn yourself, since you behave no differently than those you judge.

Step 9 Make amends to those I have list in Step 8

I must budget and keep up with expenses in order to meet those financial obligations I have caused. I need to make sure that those around me know that they are what is important to me. I need to make sure that 9th step amends are part of my budget. Also the importance of giving, to make amends with society.

Proverbs 25: 11-12

“Like apples of gold in a silver setting is a word that is aptly spoken. It is a golden ring of finest gold, such is wise apology spoken to and attentive ear.”

Step 10 Continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong promptly admit it.

Continue to budget, continue to keep up with spending. Continue to see what is fearful. Continue to look at my feelings that are judgmental. Continue to give. When mistakes are made promptly acknowledge it. Talk to someone about it.

Psalm 19: 12

“But who can detect his own feelings? Who can expose his own hidden faults?”

Step 11 Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God. Taking the things we find in Step 10 to God through prayer and meditation. Pray for knowledge of His will for us and for Him to give us the power to carry out his will.

What does God want us to do with His Resources? How does God want us to share His resources? How does God want us to act towards others about His resources? What are my needs, what are my wants?

Ephesians 4: 22-23

“You must put aside your old self which has been corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution.”

Step 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of the steps. We carry this message to others and practice these principals in all of our affairs.

Be awakened to a new way of life. I need to share this freedom with those I come into contact with. God will put the people in our life to share His truth with. Financial Freedom is part of my affairs. It is part of my life to learn more about His power and my lack of it.

Psalms 78: 3-4

“What we have heard and know for ourselves must not be withheld from our descendants, but be handed on by us to the next generation.”