

# 10 Steps

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# 10 a NEW YOU



Around this time of year many people examine themselves and try to be better in the future than they have been in the past. Most of the time people want to improve physically and not spiritual, but in reality, our spiritual wellbeing is much more important than our physical (1 Tim.4:8).

## I. REALIZE YOUR CONDITION

- A. We must realize that sin separates us from God (Isa.59:1-2).
- B. We must realize that Jesus is the only way to take the barrier of sin that is between us and God away (1 Tim.2:5).
- C. We must realize that one who is outside of Christ is lost (Cf. Eph.2:11-13).

## II. CUT TIES WITH WORLDLY INFLUENCES

- A. Repentance must take place before one becomes a Christian (Acts 2:38). Discipleship is a process (Mt.28:19; Lk.9:62).
- B. There comes a point in our spiritual walk when we have to say, “Enough is enough” (1 Pet.4:1-5).
- C. If one is to be a true disciple of Christ then he/she must turn wholly to God and let go of the world (2 Cor.6:14; 1 Jn.2:15).

## III. MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH THOSE YOU’VE HURT

- A. For the broken relationships we can do something about, we must take care of them (Mt.5:21-24; Mk.11:25-26).
- B. The prodigal son is a good example of this step (Lk.15:11-32).

## IV. MAKE THE RIGHT CHANGE SO OTHERS CAN SEE IT

- A. John refused to baptize those who needed to make proper changes in their life (Lk.3:7-18).
- B. True repentance stems from “Godly Sorrow” (2 Cor.7:9-10).

## V. MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH GOD

- A. Becoming a Christian is simple (Rom.10:17; 1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.10:9-10; Jn.8:32; Mt.10:32-33; Lk.13:3; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- B. Returning to being a faithful Christian is simple (1 Jn.1:7-9; Jas.5:16).

## VI. BE READY FOR THE STORMS OF LIFE

- A. There has never been and never will be a time when Christians are going to be free from trouble (2 Cor.11:22-28; Mt.5:45).
- B. Our Christian life will prosper when we understand that trials will come and that God will be with us (1 Cor.10:13; 2 Cor.1:3-4).

## VII. STRIVE TO BE LIKE JESUS

- A. This is our purpose in life (Col.1:28).
- B. Through God's infinite wisdom, He gave us this responsibility (Rom.8:29).

## VIII. BE THE RIGHT EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

- A. You've heard the expression, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."
- B. We must realize that people are watching us (1 Pet.3:1-5).
- C. We must stay strong when it comes to influencing others in a positive way (1 Tim.4:12).

## IX. FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

- A. Fellowship is an essential element to growing as a Christian.
- B. Not only does the Bible command regular attendance at the worship service (Heb.10:25), it also encourages regular fellowship outside of worship (Acts 2:42-46).

## X. CONTINUE FULFILLING LIFE'S PURPOSE

- A. If our purpose in life is to, "Go to heaven and take as many souls with us," then we must continually be developing our talents.
- B. Every human is born with different abilities; these abilities must be used for God's glory and expanse of His kingdom (Rom.12:4-8).
- C. While our purpose in life will stay the same, how we achieve this goal will change as we change.

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