

A Bridge to Recovery, Biblical Addiction Counsel
Core Truth #12. My choices affect me and also those around me. Rom.5:12

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Core Truths 9-12

9. My past does not need to determine my future. Philippians 3:13-14, *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*

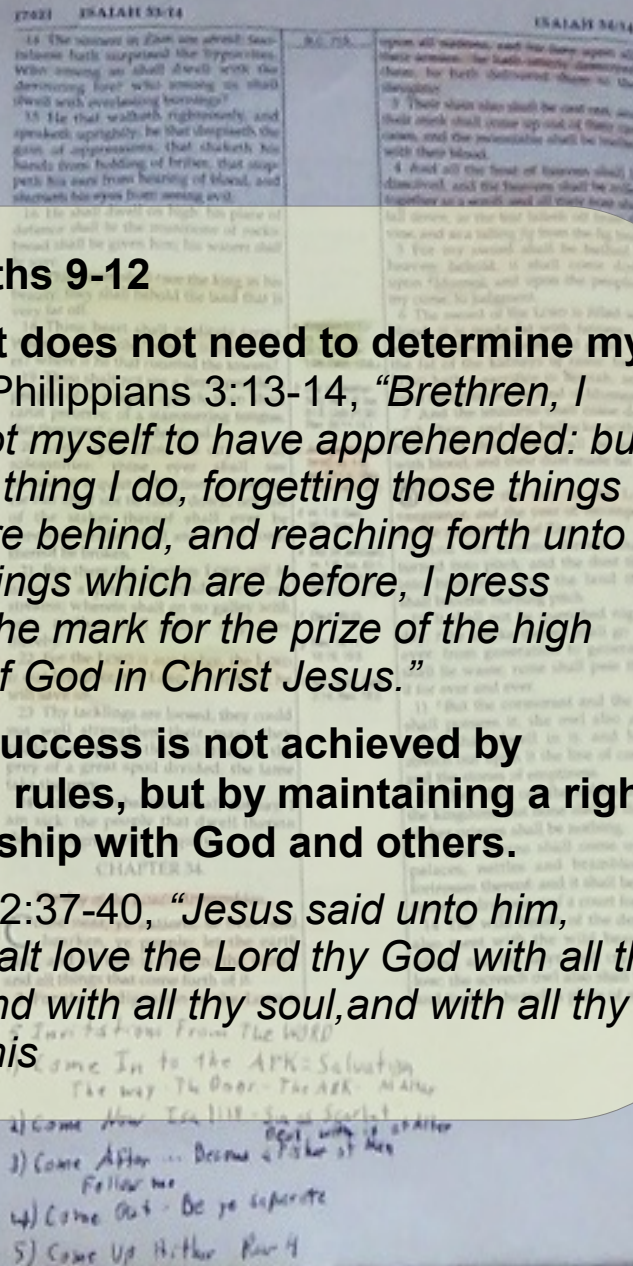
10. True success is not achieved by keeping rules, but by maintaining a right relationship with God and others.

Matthew 22:37-40, *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This*

is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

11. My choices affect me and also those around me. Romans 5:12, *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...”*

12. My friends will affect my future. Psalm 1:1, *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”*



Man is self-conscious, animals are not.

When, I was young, my Italian mom, in English, would often ask me the bothersome question, "What in the world were you thinking?"

As a result, in my lifetime, I would often stop and analyze what I was thinking, why I was thinking it, and what effect that thinking might have on my next decision.

I was thus empowered to detect and circumvent stinking-thinking, well a lot of it anyway.

That is the very best description of being self-conscious, and the world would be a far better place if more people would consider, "What in the world are you thinking?"

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A key concept for renewing the mind is to be self-conscious; to literally step back from yourself and in your conscious mind ask and answer the burning question, "What in the world were you thinking?"

But on top of that self-awareness, the Born-again-saved Christian has the ability to talk to their "Counselor-On-Board" and ask the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting"* (Ps.139:23-24).

What's further, is one can ask his Saviour, *"Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer"* (Ps.19:12-14).

These verses should be written in the notebook of the serious student, and they should be prayed often. The Psalmist and King, David, prayed 7 times a day! The Beloved Prophet Daniel, on his knees, facing Jerusalem, prayed three times per day. It might behoove the student to use one of the weekly calendars in his notebook to track his prayer life. Just saying.

When a person gets born-again-saved from the condemnation of sin, five specific things occur instantaneously.

They are 1) Converted to Christ via *“Ac 20:21 ... repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

They are 2) Justified by God *“Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*

They are 3) Quickened *“Col 2:13 And you, ... hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;”*

They are 4) Indwelt *“Ro 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”*

They are 5) Baptized into Christ *“Mr. 1:8 I (John) indeed have baptized you with water: but he (Christ) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.”*

A comprehensive study of each one of these is worthwhile.

Romans 12:2 stresses that your spiritual growth will come from mind control.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

That is, ... **NOT to conform** one's self (i.e. one's mind and character) to the world's pattern, (NOT to fashion one's self according to worldliness) **but to be changed into another form**, to transform.

It's to transfigure even as Christ appearance was changed and was resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration (Matt.17:2, Mrk.9:2).

As Paul wrote earlier, *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord”* (2Cor.3:18). Let's transform.

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To **Faith**, add these seven:

virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity.

In your notebook, write out 2Peter 1:5-7 with the definitions shown

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