

Connected in Christ: Twelve Steps for the Rest of Us

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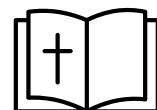
Step Six

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character.

What is step six about?

We already dealt with powerlessness (step 1) and came to believe that God could help us (step 2), if we wanted God's help (step 3).

We prepared ourselves for confession by honestly searching ourselves for the ways we missed the mark (step 4), and then we told God and another person what we discovered (step 5).



So it depends not on human will or exertion but on God who shows mercy. (Romans 9:16)

Reflection:

There's a familiar saying, "Once you know you can't go back to not knowing," so what do we do with what we have learned and confessed?

It is our very nature to try to control those aspects of our lives we find less desirable. If we can hide them or try to control them ourselves, we will be okay...right? NO!

If we could do that, we would have done it a long time ago. Until we exhaust all our attempts to do this on our own, we will not ask for help. In that respect step 6 is like step 1 but at a deeper level.

We must become entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Now we are ready to take step 7...

1.In what ways am I still being: a) Selfish, b) Self-centered
c) Fear based in my decisions

Reflection Questions

2.Are these defects too comfortable and familiar?

3.How would my life be different if I asked God for help to live a life without these?

