

Step Nine, Inventory

Made Direct Amends To Such People Wherever Possible, Except When To Do So Would Injure Them Or Others.

Step Nine is the execution of step 8, and fulfills our requirement to reconcile with others. (Matt.6:14-15;), when we forgive or are willing to forgive, our obligation is fulfilled. These amends are made to people, with the exception, if it would do injury. With this step it is very important that we're not selfish. That we take into account the lives and lifestyles of others since these infractions occurred. We should not attempt to infringe on people that are in other relationships, or by contacting them it might reopen doors that need to stay closed. Yet we know making amends is a powerful way of reconstructing our lives.

1. What does making amends mean to you? To take the time and effort with all humility to sincerely apologize and correct if at all possible a wrong I may have caused someone whether it is monetary or verbal.

2. Can you see the value in making amends? Y X N__, and Why? I truly believe that when one can make amends with someone, that they must show humility in admitting that they harmed someone and then as they make the amends a weight is being lifted off of their shoulders, at least that's been my experience.

3. Are there people in your life or that have been that you know you need to wait to make amends to? Y X N__, why do you believe you should wait?

The hurt is still fresh and I don't want to bring harm to them while they are in a healing stage or still in offense, I must understand that timing is the key, but I take it before God for forgiveness first.

4. What does Restitution mean to you? to restore something I have damaged by paying for it monetarily and bringing no more cost to the person I'm making the restitution to.

5. (Js.5:16;) means what to you? It means I can get healing when I address that which I confess to another individual about my thought life.

6. Fault = Aition, in the Greek, and means, that, that is Causative of, or Responsible for. What does that mean to you in regards to the previous question? It means the Root, the thought pattern.

7. Are you waiting for a certainty of Forgiveness to make Amends or are you willing to take the risk of not being forgiven? I'm ready to make amends, because it's not up to me to do it to be forgiven, it's up to the other person to do that, but I just want to be in right standing with God.

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