

THE REALITY CHOICE

Life's Healing Choices

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"I do not understand what I do. For what I <u>want</u> to do I <u>do not</u> do, but what I <u>hate I do</u>. I know that good itself does not dwell . . . in my sinful nature. For I have the <u>desire</u> to do what is good, but I cannot <u>carry it out</u>." Romans 7:15, 18 (NIV)

StressDietFitFearsWorryRMy overworkBad habitsPaAttractionsAngerPaAddictionDishonestyRRegretNeed to controlCa

Finances Relationships bits Painful memories Perfectionism esty Resentment control Compulsive thoughts

THE CAUSE:

"In the pride of your heart you say, 'I am a god' . . . But you are a mere mortal and not a god, <u>though you think</u> you are as wise as a god." Ezekiel 28:2 (NIV)

1st CHOICE:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

I ADMIT I need help; that I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

1.

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 (NLT)

"You will never succeed in life <u>if you try to hide</u> your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you." Proverbs 28:13 (GNT)

2.

"We . . . saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; <u>but that was good</u>, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead." 2 Corinthians 1:9 (TLB)

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Matthew 5:3 (MSG)

3.

"Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other <u>can help him</u> up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (GNT)

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (TLB)

GROUND RULES

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"When we were unable to help ourselves, at the right time, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6 (NCV)

Next Steps

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