

“TEN ATTITUDES OF VICTORIOUS LIVING”

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 2:5*

1. HUMILITY

Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5:3*

I admit I am powerless over the affects of sin and self-centered behavior—my life is unmanageable.

2. REPENTANT

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” *Matthew 5:4*

I believe Jesus Christ can and will create in me a new way of life.

3. SUBMISSIVE

Jesus said: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” *Matthew 5:5*

I give my will and my life to Jesus Christ

4. HONESTY

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” *Matthew 5:6*

I honestly examine myself in the light of God’s Word

5. MERCIFUL

Jesus said: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” *Matthew 5:7*

I humbly ask God’s forgiveness for my sinful past. I am able to forgive those who have hurt me.

6. OBEDIENT

Jesus said: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” *Matthew 5:8*

I desire to live under the guidance of Gods Holy Spirit — day by day

7. RECONCILIATION

Jesus said: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” *Matthew 5:9*

I ask forgiveness from all those I have hurt or dealt with unfairly.

8. FAITH

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 5:10*

I trust in the power of Jesus Christ when I face hardship and trials.

9. PERSEVERANCE

Jesus said: “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven”.....

Matthew 5:11-12

I stand firm in my faith that Jesus is in control of all things.

10. LOVING SERVANT

Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world....Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” *Matthew 5:13-16*

As a new creation in Christ, I share with others the Good News of a risen Savior who makes His people whole.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” *Matthew 6:33*

“And yet I show you a more Excellent Way” ... LOVE

“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men”.

Titus 3:3-8

The Most Excellent Way

We meet every Monday evening, at 7 p.m., in the Youth Room, located across the parking lot on the west side of the sanctuary Suite 100.



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1 Corinthians 12:31

The Christian Solution to Strongholds of Sin:

“Becoming GOD-Dependent”

◆ OUR FIRM FOUNDATION

“The Most Excellent Way” began in early 1986 as a small prayer group desiring to minister to alcoholics, drug addicts, and their families within the church of Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego, California. Today, regularly scheduled support meetings continue to spread across America, into Mexico, Australia, Poland, Russia and South America.

“The Most Excellent Way” is a Christian solution to the bondages and strongholds of sin by becoming GOD-dependent. Our principles of recovery are based entirely upon God’s Word.

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”.....

Romans 1:16

As we remain committed to making ourselves and the support meetings available, we are privileged to see Him bring the hurting people and to witness the healing power of the Holy Spirit. God receives ALL the glory!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

The Most Excellent Way is a non-profit, interdenominational para-church organization, whose mission is to:

- WIN (Mark 16:15)
- DISCIPLE (Matthew 28:19-20)
- SEND (Acts 1:8)

“And now I will show you The Most Excellent Way” ... LOVE!

◆ DISCIPLESHIP

The understanding of the principle and practice of surrender are the basic needs for the recovering addict, alcoholic and family members. Who and/or what we surrender to is the key to change.

The process of permanently changing the outward compulsive habits and self-centered behavior is accomplished from the inside out—it is a matter of the heart. We view “recovery” as the sanctification process of a new life in Christ.

The Most Excellent Way is centered upon Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, specifically the Beatitudes. With Jesus’ Sermon as our foundation, we learn:

- To examine our hearts.
- To be renewed in our minds.
- To live the spiritual life by putting off the old man and putting on the new, spiritual man.

Our outline for change is called the “Ten Attitudes of Victorious Living”.

God promises His Word will not return to Him void, therefore, we strive to live and share Biblical principles with an attitude of love, acceptance and forgiveness.

Jesus said: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32

◆ SUPPORT MEETINGS

The Most Excellent Way support meetings are held weekly, with God’s Word as our sole authority, Jesus Christ as our only power, and His Holy Spirit as our guide.

Many participants who have attended A.A., Al-Anon and other 12-step meetings, come to The Most Excellent Way seeking an environment in which to freely express their faith in Jesus. Others are backslidden Christians, timid and shame-faced, who God draws back. Unbelievers come and find genuine love, peer support, Christ, and eternal hope.

PRAYER FOR SERENITY

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is; not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonable happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

AMEN

Reinhold Niebuhr

◆ LOVE, ACCEPTANCE & FORGIVENESS

The quality of love we desire to share is God’s *agape* - the ability to accept and forgive one another just as God, the Father, accepts and forgives us because of our faith in Jesus, His Son.

The Most Excellent Way is to:

- Be reconciled to God through Jesus.
- Grow in faith and knowledge of Christ.
- Gain a better understanding of the sin nature that leads to addiction and obsessive, self-centered behavior.
- Learn and apply Biblical principles for living joy-filled, productive lives.
- Provide support to those who desire freedom from any and all strongholds of sin and other self-centered behaviors.
- Pray for one another.
- Love one another.

Jesus said: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

We accept one another just as we are—committed Christian or backslider, sober or stoned, reverent or obnoxious, clean or dirty. Anyone desiring freedom from addiction and compulsive behavior is welcomed into The Most Excellent Way by the grace of God.

“We love Him because He first loved us”

1 John 4:19