

Working With The Spirit On Continual Inventory 10th Step - Lesson 1

Step 10: "We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Isaiah 30:20-21 -- "...your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Jeremiah 31:33-34 -- "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

- How is a healthy personal inventory different from looking for reasons to hate myself?
- How does knowing the grace of God and the forgiveness won by Jesus help keep your personal inventory healthy instead of full of self hatred?
- As your recovery has gotten going, how have you seen the Holy Spirit alert you to wrong moves along the way?
- A suggestion: if your conscience is still too messed up to reliably tell you right from wrong, try using "helpful vs. harmful" in doing your personal inventory. Does that make a difference? (Everything the Bible calls "sin" is ultimately something that harms you or someone else, including God.)
- Why be "prompt" about admitting when you're wrong?

I'm A Work In Progress

10th Step - Lesson 2

Philippians 1:6-7 -- ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

Phillipians 3:12-16 -- Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

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Have you felt pressured to be a finished product? What were you afraid of when you were under that pressure?

How has the grace of God, shown especially by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, taken that pressure off of you?

What happens when you admit, "I was wrong"?

Does it make a difference to know that it's ultimately God's responsibility to change you?