

## Staying On My Side Of The Street

11<sup>th</sup> Step - Lesson 3

**Step 11: “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”** –I don’t have to know God’s will for anybody but me! Do any of your problems come from trying to take over other people’s problems and lives?

John 21:18-22 -- Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

Matthew 7:1-5 -- "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

John 6:28-29 – Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

- What are some things that happen to you when you get wrapped up in other people’s business and neglect your own?
- What are some ways that this affects your prayer and meditation?
- Jesus told the people who were asking about God’s will for their lives that the bottom line is “to believe in the one he has sent,” in other words, to believe in Jesus. How does that help you to stay on “your side of the street”?
- How is your life changing as you learn to pray “only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out”?