

Jesus Is Lord Over All---Big Things And Little Details

12th Step - Lesson 2

You've probably heard recovering people say that relapses happen a long time before the alcoholic takes the first drink. Can you see how that works?

Several years ago the Milwaukee chief of police ordered his officers to start cracking down on minor infractions, like jaywalking and unrepaired broken windows, in some of the poorest and highest crime neighborhoods. He caught a lot of criticism for that decision, but he stuck to his theory that when the little details are in order, the bigger ones are more likely to fall into place. Can you see how that same approach can be applied to your recovery and your life with God in general?

Matthew 25:23—"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Step 12—"...we sought to practice these principles in all our affairs."

"Someone who is nice to you but is rude to the waiter is not a nice person."—Dave Barry

- What are some areas of your life that might seem fairly unimportant, but where God's love and acceptance actually make a big difference?
- Are there areas of your life where you allow yourself to act and think as if God's grace weren't involved at all?
- What have you seen happen when you leave God and his love out of an area of your life?
- What have you seen happen when you are trusting God in the little problems and stresses, not just the big ones?