

How Is God Removing My Defects Of Character?

6th & 7th Step - Lesson 4

Step 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Step 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Ephesians 4:22-32—You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

"Old Self" stuff

- Being slick
- My anger is in charge of me
- My needs come ahead of everybody else's
- I say whatever pops into my head
- Mess with me and be messed with

"New Self" stuff

- Being honest, accepting consequences
- Jesus and I are in charge of my anger
- I rank other people's needs right up with my own
- I try to use my words for helping and being kind to people I'm with
- I'm in the forgiveness business

How can you tell when you're dealing with "old self" stuff?

What are some things God does to help you replace the "old self" stuff with "new self" stuff?

Are there any ways God has surprised you when you "humbly asked him to remove your shortcomings"?