

Welcome To
Celebrate Recovery
Ready
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A. Review

B. "R" stands for "Release Control".

1. We need God.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; so not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in **ALL you do**, and he will direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6

"Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me. **Tell me clearly what to do, and show me which way to turn**". Psalm 5:8

2. God doesn't force Himself on us.

"Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and **open the door**, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends." Revelation 3:20

3. What happens when we open the door?

- We are fruitful.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me **you can do nothing.**" John 15:5

- We are changed in three ways.

"He gave his life to **free us** from every kind of sin, to **cleanse us**, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to **doing good deeds.**" Titus 2:14

C. "E" stands for "Easy does it".

1. God's plans are the best plans.

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and **wait patiently for him to act.....**" Psalm 37:7a

2. God will complete His plans.

"Come now, let us argue this out, says the Lord. No matter how deep the stain of your sins, **I can** remove it. **I can** make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are as stained as red as crimson, **I can** make you as white as wool. If you will only obey me and let me help you, **then you will have plenty to eat.**" Isaiah 1:18-19.

D. "A" stands "Accept the Change".

1. Many people are afraid to change.

- They like the status quo.
- They are afraid of God.

2. The key to change is submission.

"When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him, He will lift you up and give you honor." James 4:10

E. "D" stands for "Do replace your character defects".

F. "Y" stands for "Yield to the growth".

"And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Philippians 1:6