

Welcome To
Celebrate Recovery
Victory
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A. Review

"I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old SIN NATURE is concerned. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. I want to, but I can't. When I want to do good, I don't. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. But if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing it; the SIN (SIN NATURE) within me is doing it."Romans 7:18-19

"For I was born a SINNER (SINFUL NATURE) - yes, from the moment my mother conceived me" Psalm 51:5

"The old SINFUL NATURE loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the SINFUL NATURE desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict". Galatians 5:17-18

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at

heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." Matt 11:28-30

B. "V" stands for "Voluntarily submit".

"For God knew his people in advance, and he **CHOSE** them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, **HE GAVE THEM HIS GLORY**. Romans 8:29-30

We can pray something like this:

Lord, I have completed my inventory - at least for now. I see that I have several strongholds that are controlling me and are messing up my life. I ask You to remove them. I ask You to make whatever changes in me that are necessary. I am willing to do whatever you want. I give You total control. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

C. "I" stands for "Identify character defects".

"People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy." Proverbs 28:13

D. "C" stands "Change your mind".

"What this means is (Paul is talking about becoming Christians) that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."

Ezekiel 36:26-27

"Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ, so that sin (that's the SIN NATURE) might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin (our sin natures). For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of SIN (SIN NATURES)." Romans 6:6 - 7

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philippians 2:13

"But you are not controlled by your SINFUL NATURE. (WHY?) You are controlled by the Spirit, if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.)

Romans 8:9

E. "T" stands for "Turn over character defects".

"When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him (that's submission), he will lift you up." James 4:10

F. "O" stands for "One day at a time".

"So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." Matthew 6:34

G. "R" stands for "Recovery is a process".

"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." Philipians 1:6

H. "Y" stands for "You must choose to change".