

# Welcome To Celebrate Recovery Yes

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## Yes

### A. Introduction

1. We need to tell others about our recovery.

"...And if you are asked about your **Christian hope** (in this case that's your recovery), **always be ready to explain it**. But you must do this in a **gentle way and respectful way**." 1 Peter 3:15-16

2. We need to say "yes" when the opportunity occurs.

### B. "Y" stands for Yield Myself to God

1. Principle 8

**"Yield myself to God** to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words."

2. God wants to share His knowledge with us.

"If you need wisdom, **ask** our generous God, and **he will give it to you**. He will not rebuke you for asking". James 1:5-6

### 3. What does yielding to God look like?

- First we agree that we are \_\_\_\_\_ and God is not.
- Secondly we \_\_\_\_\_ and ask God to tell us what we need to know and do, as we share our recovery with another person.
- Thirdly we believe God will not \_\_\_\_\_ us for asking.

#### Prayer

Lord, You have provided an opportunity for me to share what You have done in my life with this person. I don't know what to say, but you do. You tell me in James 1:5 that I can ask for wisdom, and You will give it to me. I believe You and I trust You. I am totally dependent on You. Please direct my thoughts and my words. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

### C. "E" stands for "Example is what is important".

1. Christians must "walk the talk".
2. Our "walk" is a witness to others.
3. Is God at work in my life?

"So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 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. But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce

these **evil results**: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of **fruit** in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law. Galatians 5:16-26

4. Who am I following? Is it the Holy Spirit or is it my sin nature? The answer allows me to make necessary adjustments.

"Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And **don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.**"  
Romans 13:14

"**Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life** and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects." Principle 5

**D. "S" stands for "Serve others as Jesus did".**

1. What word would you use to describe Jesus' ministry?

"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, he did not demand and cling to His rights as God. He made Himself nothing; He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form He obediently humbled Himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross." Philippians 2:5-8

2. Jesus commands us to be servants.

"After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."  
John 13:12-17

3. Find out your spiritual gifts and use them.