
THE 1 STEP PROGRAM -

If you spend any time with the E.P.I.C. ministry, you will discover that we do not utilize the easily recognizable 12 Step Program.

Simply put, we cannot and will not compromise the name of God. Jesus Christ is not just a higher power, he's the highest power and He does not and will not share that position with any other, either real or imaginary. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He is the Alpha and Omega, He is the First and the Last and He is the Word of God. In fact, there are at least 104 names, titles and offices of Christ in scripture and not once is He referred to as "a higher power".

You are probably wondering, since EPIC does not utilize the 12 Step Program, what does E.P.I.C. use? The program that we use is the 1 Step Program offered to us through what Christ has done on the Cross. The world tells us what we must "Do" through the 12 Steps and the word of God says it is "Done" by the precious blood of the Lamb.

The world constantly attempts to deceive us into thinking we must do something and continue to practice something to gain victory and remain victorious over addiction. The world is sincere in their belief that the 12 Step program works, but they are sincerely wrong. Even some Christians perpetuate this myth by exercising spiritual exercises and physical and mental gymnastics found within the 12 steps in an attempt to remain free of the chains of addiction.

1. Should we pray, praise, and study the word of God? The answer to that is: Absolutely! The Bible says men ought to always pray. (**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)** ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,)

We should praise Him for Who He is as well as for what He has done, is doing, and will do.

(Romans 15:7-11 (NKJV))

⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers,

⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "*For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.*"

¹⁰ And again he says: "*Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!*"

¹¹ And again: "*Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!*"

We should stay in the word for a number of reasons. To list them all here would be inexhaustible, but there are a few reasons we must highlight here. The first reason is so that we may be approved of God.

(2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV))

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Another profound reason to stay in the word is to keep us prepared to do the things that God would have us do.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV))

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

However, prayer, praise and the study of God's word are actions that are a direct result of salvation, sanctification and freedom from hell death and the grave. It is not done to receive these gifts of God. With salvation comes victory in all phases of life such as, healing, hope, joy unspeakable, and a peace that passes all understanding.

Therefore, bodies are healed of every addiction by the blood of Jesus. Works cannot be added to make salvation any stronger, and the lack of works cannot weaken salvation.

Jesus Christ is the only one capable to set someone free and keep them free.

(John 8:36 (NKJV)) ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.