

## January 20 & 21, 2017

*"Practice These Principles"*

Philippians 3-4

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Worship led by Sean O'Connor

Music:

The Lord Our God	Grace on Top of Grace	The Stand
How He Loves	I Surrender	Come to the Altar

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – John 10:10 (NIV)

Step 10:

Continue to take a personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admit it.

Have I indulged in \_\_\_\_\_?

Step 11:

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

prayer meditation    scripture    worship    spiritual friendship    nature silence  
art    journaling    simplicity    caring    gratitude    \_\_\_\_\_

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.  
– Philippians 3:15-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And out us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. – Hebrews 12:1-2

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing. – Psalm 143:10

I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. – John 8:28

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. – Ephesians 3:20

Step 12:

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. – Philippians 4:9

God has united you with Christ Jesus, for our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. – 1 Corinthians 1:30

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear others and sister, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. – Philippians 3:12-14

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;  
trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to His will;  
that I may be reasonable happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen.*