



Step One ~ Week One

CLEANING UP THE MESS

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I ADMIT MY LIFE IS A MESS AND I AM OUT OF CONTROL

If we are to better the future present we must disturb the .—*Catherine Booth*

Romans 7:15-25 *What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. 16 So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary. 17 But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! 18 I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. 19 I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. 20 My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. 21 It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. 22 I truly delight in God's commands, 23 but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. 24 I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? 25 The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.*

Hebrews 3:15 *Remember what it says: "Today when you hear His voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."*

ACTION IS THE MAGIC WORD

God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I got my act together, he gave me a fresh start. Psalms 18:20

"Walk straight, act right, tell the truth." Psalms 15:2



DECIDING TO DO THE RIGHT THING DOING THE RIGHT THING

Ecclesiastes 9:3 *I find this outrageous--the worst thing about living on this earth--that everyone's lumped together in one fate. Is it any wonder that so many people are obsessed with evil? Is it any wonder that people go crazy right and left? Life leads to death. That's it.*

WE DON'T KNOW OURSELVES AS WELL AS WE THINK WE DO

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another--showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*

THE ANSWER TO CLEANING UP OUR MESS IS RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

1 Timothy 1:15 *Here's a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I'm proof--Public Sinner Number One-*