

# LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, & FORGIVENESS

The quality of love we desire to share is God's agape - the ability to accept and forgive one another just as God, the Father, accepts and forgives us because of our faith in Jesus, His Son.

"The Most Excellent Way" is to:

- Be reconciled to God through Jesus.
- Grow in faith and knowledge of Christ.
- Gain a better understanding of the sin nature that leads to addiction and obsessive, self-centered behavior.
- Learn and apply Biblical principles for living joy-filled, productive lives.
- Provide support to those who desire freedom from drug and alcohol dependency and self-centered behavior.
- Pray for one another.
- Love one another.

*Jesus said:*

*"A new command I give to you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."*

*John 13:34-35*

We accept one another just as we are - committed Christian or backslider, sober or stoned, reverent or obnoxious, clean or dirty. Anyone desiring freedom from addiction and compulsive behavior is welcomed into 'The Most Excellent Way' by the grace of God.

*"We love because He first loved us."*

*1 John 4:19*

# SUPPORT MEETINGS

"The Most Excellent Way" support meetings are held weekly, with God's Word as our sole authority, Jesus Christ as our only power, and His Holy Spirit as our guide.

Many participants have attended A.A. and Al-Anon meetings, and come to "The Most Excellent Way" seeking an environment in which to freely express their faith in Jesus. Others are backslidden Christians, timid and shame-faced, whom God draws back into fellowship with Him. Unbelievers come and find genuine love, peer support, Christ, and eternal hope.

*"For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men." Titus 3:3-8*



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# THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

The Christian Solution to  
Alcohol and Chemical Dependency  
*"Becoming God-dependent"*

Sunday Meetings, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Student Building  
Derrell Day, Ministry Leader

# A FIRM FOUNDATION

"The Most Excellent Way" began in early 1986 as a small prayer group desiring to minister to alcoholics, drug addicts, and their families within our church. Today, regularly scheduled Support Meetings continue to spread across America, into Mexico, Australia, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, South America, India, Nepal...

"The Most Excellent Way" Christian solution to chemical dependency is becoming GOD-dependent. Our principles of recovery are based entirely upon God's Word.

## DISCIPLESHIP

The understanding of principle and practice of surrender are the basic needs of recovering addicts and alcoholics, and family members. Who and/or what we surrender to is the key to change.

The process of permanently changing the outward compulsive habits and self-centered behavior is accomplished from the inside out - it is a matter of the heart. We view "recovery" as the sanctification process of new life in Christ.

"The Most Excellent Way" is centered upon Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, specifically the Beatitudes. With Jesus' sermon as our foundation we learn:

- To examine our hearts.
- To be renewed in our minds.
- To live the spiritual life by putting off the old man and putting on the new, spiritual man.

Our outline for change is called the "Ten Attitudes of Victorious Living."

God promises His Word will not return to Him void, therefore, we strive to live and share Biblical principles with an attitude of love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

# TEN ATTITUDES OF VICTORIOUS LIVING

## 1. HUMILITY

I admit I am powerless over the effects of drugs and alcohol, and self-centered behavior — my life is unmanageable.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 5:3 NKJV**

## 2. REPENTANT

I believe Jesus Christ can and will create in me a new way of life.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
Matthew 5:4 NKJV**

## 3. SUBMISSIVE

I give my will and my life to Jesus Christ.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."  
Matthew 5:5 NKJV**

## 4. HONESTY

I honestly examine myself in the light of God's Word.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."  
Matthew 5:6 NKJV**

## 5. MERCIFUL

I humbly ask God's forgiveness for my sinful past. I am able to forgive those who have hurt me.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."  
Matthew 5:7 NKJV**

## 6. OBEDIENT

I desire to live under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit — day by day.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."  
Matthew 5:8 NKJV**

## 7. RECONCILIATION

I ask forgiveness from God and those I have hurt or dealt with unfairly.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."  
Matthew 5:9 NKJV**

## 8. FAITH

I trust in the power of Jesus Christ when I face hardship and trials.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 5:10 NKJV**

## 9. PERSEVERANCE

I stand firm in my faith that Jesus is in control of all things.

**Jesus said: "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."  
Matthew 5:11-12 NKJV**

## 10. LOVING SERVANT

As a new creation in Christ, I share with others the Good News of a risen Savior who makes His people whole.

**Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth; ... You are the light of the world ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV**

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33*