

ANSWERS TO 5th STEP QUESTIONS

- ① Everything you could possibly do.
- ② It didn't work. It got you to where you are today. It seems that the more we work on our character defects, the worse things get.
- ③ Today, you know you have character defects and you know how they work in your life. You know that everything you did in the past didn't work alone, you were in big trouble.

We need God in our lives. And since God works through people, therefore, we need people. It's time to accept that this is who we are. When we do this, we can change. We don't have to live the old way, alone and without God.

If we look at our selfishness, dishonesty, self-seeking and being frightened, and how we have been inconsiderate, we no longer have to harm other people... nor walk around angry or resentful. We do not have to walk in fear. We can hold our heads high and look others in the eye. We can love them just the way they are.... even though we may want them to change.

This brings us to what God's purpose is for us, in spite of all our character defects. "What can I do?" All we can do is be aware of our defects when

they pop up. The only other things we can do are talk about our character defects with other people and ask God to remove them. This the action... the footwork!

- ④ You will be OK. God loves you, right or wrong, good or bad. God simply loves you. God wants the best for us and God is there to help us, but we need to let God help us. This is why prayer and people are so important.

Be of service. Pray. Help others. Meditate. Do better. Be a teacher. Help others to learn what we have learned. Sometimes, just be there for others and for God.

Remember, God has forgiven you. Now it's time to forgive yourself. Remember: You are OK. We all love you. God loves you. It's time to love yourself.

We are very happy for you today. We, ourselves, feel God's love for you. Just maybe, part of the smiles on our faces are God's.

Love,
Your Friends