

# YES

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**Principle 8:** Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

*“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires.” (Matthew 5:10)*

**Step 12:** Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

*“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)*

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## Think About It

When you reach this step you are ready to say YES to service.

## Yield myself to God

Principle 8 sums up the *Y*: Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

*“If a Christian is overcome by some sin, . . . humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that the next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. Share each other’s troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord’s command.” (Galatians 6:1 – 2, TLB)*

## Example is what is important

Your walk needs to match your talk because your lifestyle reflects what you believe. Does your lifestyle show others the patterns of the world — selfishness, pride, and lust — or does it reflect the love, humility, and service of Jesus Christ?

*“Arouse the love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith.” (1 Timothy 1:5, GNT)*

*“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)*

## Serve others as Jesus Christ did

When you have reached Principle 8, you are ready to pick up the “Lord’s towel,” the one with which He washed the disciples’ feet in the upper room.

*“And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow: do as I have done to you.” (John 13:14 – 15, TLB)*

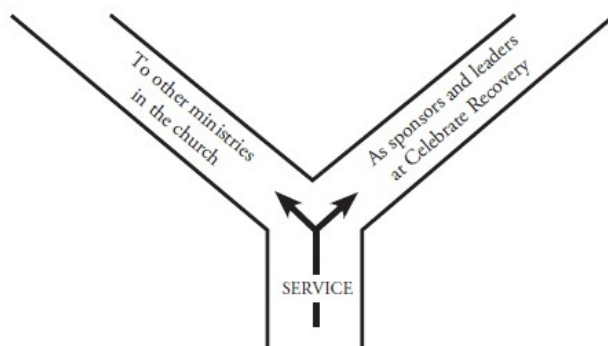
## How You Can Say YES

1. *Be an accountability partner.* Look for someone in your small group who will agree to encourage and support you as you work through the principles. You agree to do the same for that person. You hold one another accountable for working an honest program.

2. *Be a sponsor.* Sponsors are people who have worked the principles or the steps. Their job is to guide newcomers on their journey through the program, to give a gentle nudge when they are procrastinating or slow them down when they are rushing through a step. Sponsors do so by sharing their personal journey on their road to recovery.

3. *Be involved in Celebrate Recovery and your church.* There are many opportunities for service in this recovery ministry and in your church.

**You have come to the fork in your road to recovery.**



Remember, "You can't keep it unless you give it away!"

### **Principle 8 Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, as it would please You, bring me someone today whom I can serve. Amen.*

### **Write About It!**

1. If you knew that you couldn't fail, what would you like to do most for God in helping others?

[Your Response Here]

2. What are some ways you can pick up the Lord's towel (John 13:14 – 15) today and start serving others?

[Your Response Here]

3. What does the illustration of the fork in your road to recovery say to you?

[Your Response Here]

4. In the words of Step 12, how will you "practice these principles in all [y]our affairs"?

[Your Response Here]

5. Describe what the phrase "You can't keep it unless you give it away" means in your recovery.

[Your Response Here]

6. Create your own action plan for Principle 8.

I am going to explore opportunities to serve in the following areas:

a.

[Your Response Here]

b.

[Your Response Here]

c.

[Your Response Here]