



Transformation is never a solo act. It is a “we” process and it starts with us. Greed, anger, pride, lust, envy, gluttony, sloth. The seven deadly sins. The “isms” of alcoholism. The “ics” of addicts. The moral of immorality. We are greedy for what we want, when we want it, angry if we do not get it and prideful if we do. We lust for more of everything and we envy those who have more. Nonetheless, a glutton for the punishment, chasing it, entails. We become progressively slothful in values, esteem and purpose to an incomprehensibly demoralizing end. We bottom out with the guilt remorse and shame that reveals a penitent heart. We humble ourselves to willingness that erodes the piteous self toward forgiveness and grace from a loving, powerful God as the sufficient substitute for the powerless. Honesty becomes policy, rendering acceptance, which opens rooms of service. In God’s will, obedience dresses the self-inflicted wounds of our lacerated lives. The healing process begins. Families are restored, friendships are forged, finances are reconciled and our spirituality is nurtured. Therein our testimonies yield hope and faith springs eternal. We emerge as vessels of honor from our woebegone existence, persevering in service of God and his children, asking always, Thy will Father, not mine. 🙏