

HIS WORD TODAY

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Key Scriptures:

- *Psalm 51:10*
- *Philippians 1:6*
- *Romans 12:2*

 Introduction: This is The Turning Point Between Honesty and Surrender

Step 5 brings us into the light.

Step 7 brings us to our knees.

Step 6 is the bridge between the two.

It is the sacred moment where we stop clinging to the old version of ourselves and become willing—entirely willing—to let God do the deep work of transformation.

Step 6 says:

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

This step is not about perfection.

It’s about readiness.

It’s about willingness.

It’s about opening the door to the kind of change only God can produce.

Psalm 51:10 captures the heart of Step 6:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

David isn’t trying to fix himself.

He’s asking God to do what he cannot do alone.

That is Step 6.

And before we go any further, it’s important to acknowledge something:

Readiness is a miracle in itself.

The fact that we even *want* to change is evidence that God is already working.

 1. Step 6 Begins with a Heart That Is Ready

The key word here is ready.

Not perfect.

Not strong.

Not fully transformed.
Just ready.

Ready for God to work.
Ready to let go.
Ready to stop managing, controlling, and negotiating with our defects.

Readiness is not a feeling—it's a posture.
It's the quiet, humble recognition that we cannot heal ourselves, but we can open the door to the One who can.

Philippians 1:6 reminds us:
"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..."

God is the One who does the work.
Our part is willingness.

Readiness is the soil where transformation grows.
It's the spiritual posture that says:
"God, I don't know how to change this, but I'm willing for You to change me."

And that willingness—however small—is enough for God to begin His work.

2. Step 6 Requires Us to Stop Making Peace with Our Defects

Let's be honest—some of our defects feel familiar.
Comfortable.
Even useful.

Anger protects us.
Control makes us feel safe.
People-pleasing wins approval.
Isolation keeps us from being hurt.
Resentment gives us a false sense of power.
Fear convinces us we're being responsible.
Shame tells us we're being humble.

But Step 6 invites us to stop calling our defects "personality traits" and start seeing them for what they are—barriers to spiritual growth.

We can't cling to what God is trying to remove.

Romans 12:2 says:

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Transformation requires release.

Release requires readiness.

And readiness requires honesty—honesty about the ways we’ve made peace with things that are actually destroying us.

Step 6 is the moment we stop defending our defects and start surrendering them.

👐 3. It’s all About Surrender, Not Self-Improvement

This is not a self-help step.

It is a God-help step.

We don’t remove our defects.

We don’t fix ourselves.

We don’t perform spiritual surgery.

We simply become willing for God to do what only He can do.

David prayed:

“Create in me a clean heart...”

He didn’t say,

“Watch me clean my heart.”

He said,

“God, You do it.”

Step 6 is the moment we stop trying to manage our sin and start inviting God to transform our character.

Self-improvement can change habits.

Only God can change hearts.

Self-effort can modify behavior.

Only God can renew the mind.

Self-discipline can restrain impulses.

Only God can remove defects at the root of our character.

Step 6 is not about trying harder.

It’s about surrendering deeper.

4. Readiness Opens the Door to Real Change

When we become entirely ready:

- God softens what was hardened
- God uproots what was toxic
- God heals what was broken
- God reshapes what was distorted
- God strengthens what was weak
- God exposes what was hidden
- God restores what was lost
- God renews what was dead

Readiness is the doorway to spiritual transformation.

Philippians 1:6 assures us that God finishes what He starts.

Romans 12:2 assures us that transformation is possible.

Psalm 51:10 assures us that God can renew our hearts.

Step 6 is the moment we say:

“God, I’m ready. Do Your work in me.”

And God never turns away a willing heart.

Conclusion: The Invitation to Readiness

It is not about being perfect.

It’s about being willing.

It’s not about having everything together.

It’s about opening your hands.

It’s not about removing your own defects.

It’s about letting God remove what you’ve been carrying for far too long.

Today, God is asking one question:

“Are you ready?”

Ready to let go.

Ready to trust Him.

Ready to be changed.

Ready to become who He created you to be.

Because transformation doesn’t begin with strength.

It begins with willingness.

It begins with surrender.
It begins with a heart that whispers,
"God, I'm ready."