Pure In Heart: Winning Every Person's Battle By Stephen Arterburn M. Ed.

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Jerimiah 29: 11-13 ^{*II*} For I know the plans I have for you, "says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ^{*II*} In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

2. Seeing the stuff and the stuff beneath the stuff: Acceptance

Psalm 139:23-24²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

3. Saying what is true: Confession

James 5:16. "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

4. Own your behavior and choices and the impact on others: Responsibility

Galatians 6:5. Each person should carry his own load.

5. Release it: Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14,15 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

6. Reverse it: Transformation

II Corinthians 1:3-7 ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵ For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶ Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷ We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. 7. Preserve It: Preservation

Hebrews 10:35-39 ³⁵ So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! ³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

³⁷ "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.
³⁸ And my righteous ones will live by faith.^[L] But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.^{*[]]}

³⁹ But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.