

The Five R's
Part 5
“Replace”

(Short review)

1. Our teaching focus has been on “working properly”. (As an individual)
2. In addition, be the God kind of container or vessel He can use.
3. The question continues to be:
4. How can we fix or repair this problem of not working properly? (Being ineffective)
5. Has anyone ever had a car that did not work properly?
 1. Hard time starting
 2. Battery goes dead
 3. Windows don't work
 4. Seats are broken
 5. Horn doesn't work
 6. Radio or devices don't work
 7. Tires are worn out
 8. Paint is faded
 9. Rust in places
 10. It smells
 11. Still paying for it
6. Most likely we are not happy with it.
7. Then what do we do?
8. Do we live with it or do we do something about it?
9. The reason this teaching exist is to help us work properly as an individual.
10. If we are not working as we should let us continue to do something about it.
11. Unless someone in here is perfect.

12. Therefore, today we will continue the teaching the Five R's.

13. Or the five stages. (They all start with the letter "R")

14. Our first stage was "Reveal".

15. That is if we desire for things to be revealed.

16. Why reveal?

17. #1 Answer to know that there is a work to be done in our life.

18. #2 Answer to stop or reduce unnecessary problems.

19. Then we moved to the next R or stage. Repent.

20. Repentance is needed once the root problem is revealed.

21. We have Jesus word on it in the book of Revelation.

22. However, it is not just repent but proof of repentance.

23. We considered these two verses of scripture.

Proverbs 28:13 (RSV)

13 He who **conceals** his transgressions will not prosper, but he who **confesses** and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Matthew 3:8 (AMP)

⁸ Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance [let your lives prove your change of heart];

24. Then we moved to the next R or stage.

25. However, at that point in the teaching I taught by example through a personal testimony.

My testimony:

26. This testimony was a personal example of the Holy Spirit “revealing” to me a root problem.

27. It illustrated the second “R” or stage which is “repent”.

28. It took us to the next “R” or stage which is “remove”.

29. Therefore, at that point we had three R’s or stages:

30. **Today** I will:

(1) Read some related verses for each of the three stages

(2) Then pray for you using the verses

This will illustrate how to:

(1) Appropriate three of the five stages. (Mix them into your life)

(2) Pray God’s word over your life pertaining to the three of the five stages.

31. However, before I go any further something new was added to the teaching.

32. Here it is. (Very very important)

33. Here are **three words** that describe how we can shut down all five R's or stages:

(1) **Disobedience**

(2) **Rejection**

(3) **Unwillingness**

34. Keep this in mind throughout the teaching.

Examples in the **negative**

Disobedience, rejection, unwillingness says:

(1) **I don't** want anything **revealed**.

(2) **I don't** want to **repent**.

(3) **I am not** **removing** anything wrong from my life.

Acts 7:38-40 (NKJV)

³⁸ This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

³⁹ whom our fathers **would not obey, but rejected**. And in **their hearts** **they turned back** to Egypt,

⁴⁰ saying to Aaron, '*Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, **we do not know** what has become of him.*'

Examples in the **positive**

Obedience **acceptance** **willingness** **says:**

- (1) I am **willing** for the wrongs in my life to be **revealed** by the Holy Spirit.
- (2) I am **willing** to **repent**.
- (3) I am **willing** to **remove** the wrongs from my life.

Isaiah 1:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

¹⁹ **If** you are **willing** and **obedient**, **You shall eat the good of the land**;

²⁰ **But** if you **refuse** and **rebel**, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

(1) Reveal (Pray that we are **willing** for wrong things to be revealed)

Psalm 139:23-24 (RSV)

²³ **Search me**, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And **see** if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24 (MSG)

²³ **Investigate my life**, O God, **find out** everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about;

²⁴ **See** for yourself whether I've done anything wrong— **then** guide me on the road to eternal life.

(2) Repent (Pray for those we are **asleep**)

Revelation 3:1-6 (RSV)

¹ "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: `The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works; you have the name of being alive, **and you are dead**.

² **Awake**, and strengthen what remains **and is on the point of death**, for I have **not found your works perfect** in the sight of my God.

³ **Remember then what you received and heard; keep that,** and **repent**. **If you will not awake**, I will come like a thief, and you **will not** know at what hour I will come upon you.

(3) Remove (Pray that wrong things are **removed**, **put away**, **put off** and **cast off** from our life)

Luke 6:42 (NKJV)

⁴² Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me **remove** the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! **First remove** the plank from your own eye, and then you will **see clearly** to **remove** the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Ephesians 4:31 (NKJV)

³¹ **Let all** bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be **put away** from you, with all malice.

Ephesians 4:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

²² that you **put off**, concerning **your former conduct**, **the old man which grows** corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

Colossians 3:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ But now you yourselves are to **put off all these**: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have **put off the old man with his deeds**,

Romans 13:12 (NKJV)

¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us **cast off the works of darkness**

35. The one root problem in my life that was revealed was self-centeredness.
36. The result of this root problem of self-centeredness caused me to forget my wife in the grocery store.
37. In my testimony my wife and I agreed that I would circle around the grocery store parking lot until she came out.
38. Instead, I decided to park next to a car taller than our own.
39. Therefore, she could not see our car.
40. There I was preoccupied.
41. There she was sitting on the curb outside the store not knowing where I was parked.
42. She had to call me using her cell phone.
43. Where are you?
44. At this point could God be saying to all of us:
- “How long will you be preoccupied with the things of this world?”
 - “How long will you forget Me on the curb?”
 - “Where are you?”
45. This root problem of self-centeredness had to be removed. (Stage #3)
46. It had to be driven out.
47. Here is what can happen if we do not drive things out when we should.

Numbers 33:55-56 (RSV)

⁵⁵ But **if** you **do not drive out** the **inhabitants** of the land from before you, then those of them **whom you let remain** shall be as **pricks** in your eyes and **thorns** in your sides, and they shall **trouble you in the land where you dwell**.

⁵⁶ And I will do to you as I thought to do to them."

2 Corinthians 6:14 (AMP)

¹⁴ **Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers** [do not make mismated alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership have right living *and* right standing with God with iniquity *and* lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness?

48. When a root problem is driven out or removed the surface problems (troubles) end.

Numbers 33:55-56

49. If obedience was manifested the root problem (Inhabitants) would be driven out.

50. If disobedience was manifested pricks in their eyes, thorns in their sides and trouble would be manifested.

51. In other words, if we do not remove the root problem, we will contend with surface problems.

52. Therefore, I removed self-centeredness from my life involving my wife.

53. In addition, obedience had to be in the picture like I already stated.

54. Now what did I do?

55. This is when stage four came to the surface. (Which is replace)

56. My goal was to **Replace** self-centeredness **with availability**.

57. In other words, make myself available to my wife.

58. Balance was needed.

59. Consider the following character quality.

Availability vs. self-centeredness

“Making my own schedule and priorities **secondary** to the wishes **of those I am serving**.”
(IBLP)



60. Here is a very important question.

61. (Husbands) Who are we **serving?**

62. For me I should be **serving** my wife.

63. Jesus came **to serve**.

64. Listen to this account but I will only read **verses 27-28**.

Matthew 20:20-28 (MSG)

²⁰ It was about that time that the mother of the Zebedee brothers came with her two sons and knelt before Jesus with a request.

²¹ "What do you want?" Jesus asked. She said, "Give your word that these two sons of mine will be awarded the highest places of honor in your kingdom, one at your right hand, one at your left hand."

²² Jesus responded, "You have no idea what you're asking." And he said to James and John, "Are you capable of drinking the cup that I'm about to drink?" They said, "Sure, why not?"

²³ Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you are going to drink my cup. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. My Father is taking care of that."

²⁴ When the ten others heard about this, they lost their tempers, thoroughly disgusted with the two brothers.

²⁵ So Jesus got them together to settle things down. He said, "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around, how quickly a little power goes to their heads.

²⁶ It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.

²⁷ Whoever wants to be first among you **must be your slave**.

²⁸ That is what the Son of Man has done: **He came to serve, not be served**—and then to **give away his life in exchange** for the many **who are held hostage**."

65. **Insight:** We as believers should be giving our time (**A life of prayer**) in exchange for those held hostage.

Matthew 21:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called **a house of prayer**,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

66. It seems like people are seeking some type of greatness.

67. However, if anyone is seeking greatness, they should consider what I just read. (**Matthew 20:27-28**)

68. In addition, **if any husband** desires to be great in their marriage and a good example to other husbands I would strongly suggest becoming a servant.

69. Make yourself **available** to your wife and others.

John 17:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ **As thou** hast sent me into the world, **even so have I also** sent them into the world.

70. Jesus was sent to serve likewise for us.

71. If we do not make ourselves available, we are entering into self-centeredness.

72. This will cause unnecessary problems and troubles.