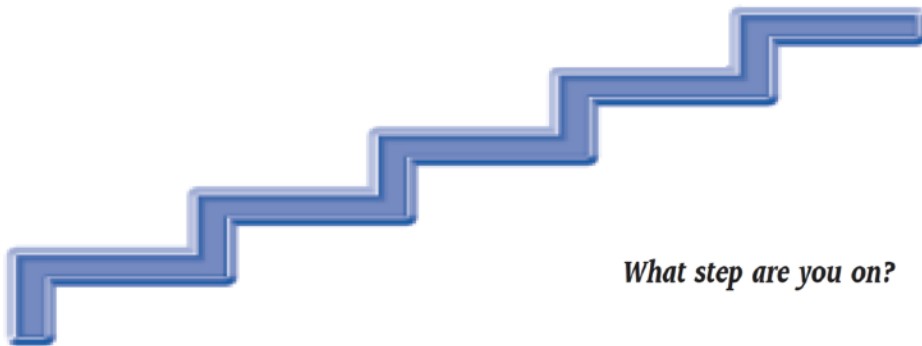


Step Up to Life

5 STEPS TO ETERNAL LIFE



About The 5 STEPS

After an in-depth Bible study of the 4 Gospels of Jesus in 1954, Pastor Elmer Murdoch discovered that Jesus was constantly calling people to take another “step” in the spiritual journey.

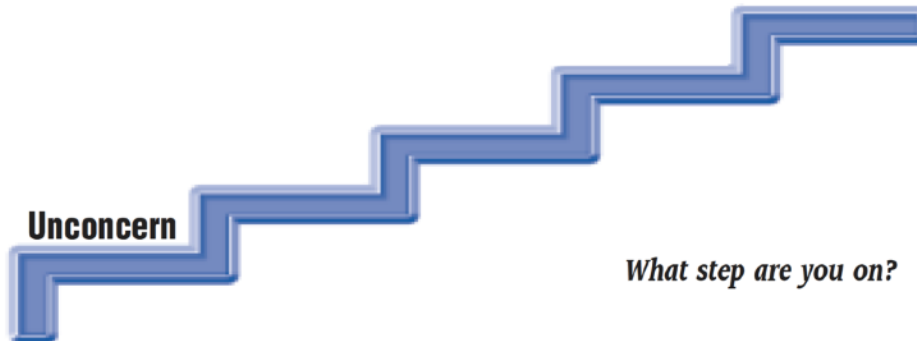
He wrote a sermon series dealing with these steps. He determined that each example could be put into 5 categories or STEPS.

The following are taken directly from the New Testament of the Holy Bible. These steps were not picked out second-hand from a certain denomination or group. Anyone can dig into the Scriptures for themselves and determine if these 5 Steps are truthful or not.

The best way to use this simple “exercise” is to go through each step **WITH YOUR SUTL BOOKLET** and be as honest as you can about where you are at in your spiritual journey.

Everybody has been on each of these steps at one time or another, so do not feel bad. Be honest. God takes us wherever we are, if we are willing.

STEP 1 - UNCONCERN



About “UNCONCERN”

Unconcerned people might know a great deal about Jesus and/or salvation, or very little; the important point is - they do not really care.

Questions to Ask Yourself About This Step

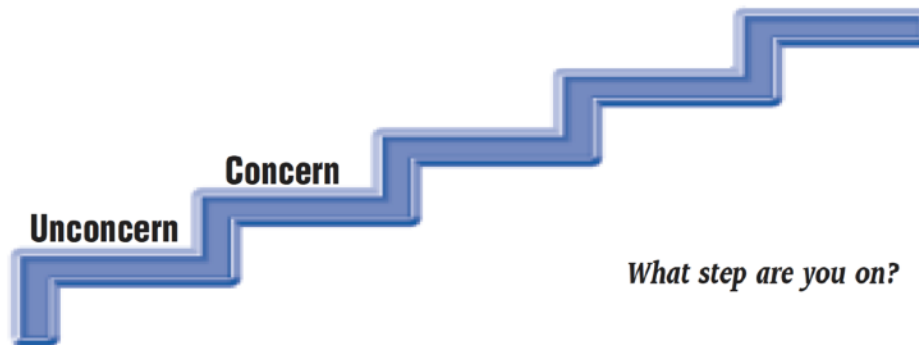
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3. What changes in your life might cause you to examine the next step?

UNCONCERN can lead to...

STEP 2 - CONCERN



About “CONCERN”

Concerned people are aware of their inner spiritual needs, and they are concerned about finding the answers to them.

Questions to Ask Yourself About This Step

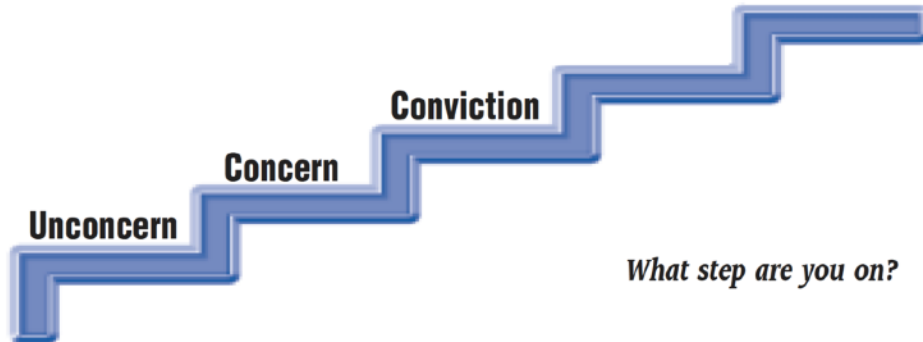
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CONCERN can lead to...

STEP 3 - CONVICTION



About “CONVICTION”

Conviction is a strong spiritual discomfort and guilt caused by the Holy Spirit to show a person their sin and emptiness. (NOTE: Conviction gently draws us to the mercy of the Lord; condemnation pushes us away from God.)

Questions to Ask Yourself About This Step

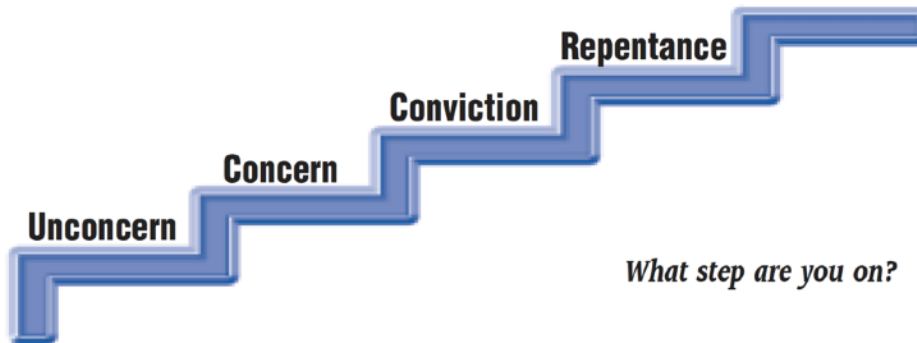
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CONVICTION can lead to...

STEP 4 - REPENTANCE



About “REPENTANCE”

Repentance is a deep change of mind and heart which leads us to reject and forsake all known sin and the “right” to lead your own life independently of God. (NOTE: Repentance is not “being perfect” but about giving the control of our life back to God.)

Questions to Ask Yourself About This Step

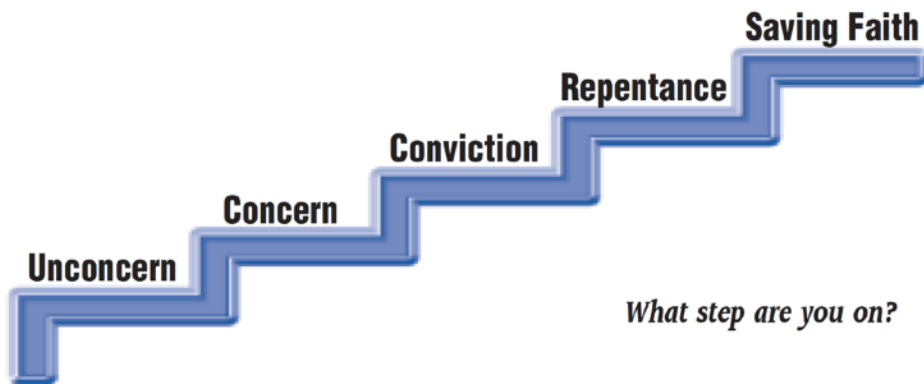
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REPENTANCE can lead to...

STEP 5 - SAVING FAITH



About “SAVING FAITH”

Saving Faith is the total commitment of all I am and have to the total rule of the Lord Jesus Christ. (NOTE: He makes us holy. We just allow Him to work His way and will in us.)

Questions to Ask Yourself About This Step

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The SUTL booklet has a simple Prayer you can pray right now!

CONGRATULATIONS!

If you prayed that prayer to give Jesus total control and forgiveness YOU ARE ON SAVING FAITH!

YOU ARE BORN AGAIN when you reach Step 5 and experience this SAVING FAITH inside you!

That means - Jesus entered your heart and is living within you right now! Being a Christian is just a matter of constantly allowing Jesus to have his way. He will fill you with his love, his motives, his holiness, his compassion and his values.

There are a number of important things to do, now that you have truly become a Christian:

1. Tell somebody what you did! We would love to hear from you and know how we can help you grow in your new faith.
2. Go to church! Find a church where people have experienced the same saving faith that you have and are encouraging one another to read their Bibles and celebrate in worship together.
3. Read The Bible right now. The Gospel of John is one of the best books to read for new Christians.
4. Pray regularly. You can find a quiet place, make a simple prayer list and take 5 minutes each morning to do the ACTS prayer concept - **A**dore and praise, **C**onfess, **T**hank Him, **S**hare your needs and the needs of others with Him.
5. Small Group - getting into a smaller intimate group with other Christians that you have some connection with is a powerful way to increase your faith and growth.

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