

USER'S GUIDE

THE *HOLY BIBLE* is a book about recovery. It records how the world began and how God created it to be good. Then it tells us about the beginning of sin—about the first time people decided to reject God's plan. It spells out the fatal consequences that result from rejecting God's program. But the Bible doesn't leave us in despair. It reveals a plan for recovery and the source of the power to accomplish it. It provides us with the only pathway to wholeness—God's program for reconciliation and healing.

Each feature in *The Life Recovery Bible* leads readers to the powerful resources for recovery found in the Holy Scriptures:

DEVOTIONAL READING PLANS



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Each devotional is set near the Scripture it comments on and directs the reader to the next devotional in the reading chain. To get a bird's-eye view of each of these reading plans, turn to the indexes at the back of this Bible.

- The **Twelve Step Devotional Reading Plan** includes eighty-four Bible-based devotionals built around the Twelve Steps. Videos introducing the 12 steps are linked to the MS Tags embedded in the first devotion for each step. A tag reader is available at: <http://tag.microsoft.com/consumer/index.aspx>
To begin this reading plan, turn to page 25.
- The **Recovery Principle Devotional Reading Plan** is composed of fifty-six Bible-based devotionals shaped around principles important in the recovery process.
To begin this reading plan, turn to page 5.
- The **Serenity Prayer Devotional Reading Plan** is made up of twenty-nine Bible-based devotionals related to the Serenity Prayer.
To begin this reading plan, turn to page 27.

RECOVERY PROFILES

In this feature sixty individuals and relationships are profiled, and important recovery lessons are drawn from their lives. For a quick view of the profiles included, see the Index to Recovery Profiles on page 1716.

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL FOR BIBLE BOOKS

Each book of the Bible is preceded by a number of helpful features.

- **Book Introductions** present the content and themes from the standpoint of recovery.
- **The Big Picture** gives a panoramic view of the book in outline form.
- **The Bottom Line** provides vital historical information for the book.
- **Recovery Themes** present and discuss important themes for people in recovery.

RECOVERY COMMENTARY NOTES

The Bible text is supported by numerous **Recovery Notes** that pinpoint passages and thoughts important to recovery. The notes appear at the foot of each page and are indexed in the Life Recovery Topical Index beginning on page 1673.

- Additional commentary material is provided in the **Recovery Reflections** that follow many of the Bible books. The notes are arranged topically. The topics discussed in this feature are indexed in the Index to Recovery Reflections on page 1721.

INDEXES

The **Topical Bible Verse Finder** at the front of this Bible lists topics that concern people who are trying to live by God's wisdom and connects those topics to helpful Bible verses. It's a great tool for finding out what God has to say about your everyday concerns.

The **Life Recovery Topical Index** at the back guides the reader to the important notes, profiles, devotionals, and recovery themes related to more than a hundred terms important to issues in the recovery process.

- The **Index to Recovery Profiles** alphabetically lists and locates the sixty Recovery Profiles that appear in this Bible.
- The **Index to Twelve Step Devotionals** lists and locates the eighty-four Twelve Step devotionals.
- The **Index to Recovery Principle Devotionals** lists and locates the fifty-six Recovery Principle devotionals.
- The **Index to Serenity Prayer Devotionals** lists and locates the twenty-nine Serenity Prayer devotionals.
- The **Index to Recovery Reflections** lists and locates the various topics discussed in the Reflections feature of this Bible.