

Step 6 Were entirely ready for God to remove all these defects of character

60 Defects of Character – Seeking after Power / Avoiding power

Having power is not the problem. It is the seeking after power when it has not been granted to us or avoiding power when we have the moral authority for it. Proper power is based on moral authority where we show we make proper moral decisions under stress.

We seek power because of being hurt in the past and wanting the power to change that. Some also seek power because it feels like a drug.
How do I feel when I am in control? How do I feel when dominated?

How do I feel when other people defer to my decisions? How do I feel when people show fear around me?

Do I enjoy pushing other people's "buttons"? What do I get from that?

Do I try to borrow power from others – "Mom, he is poking me." "Sir, regulations state that ..." "It is written right here in Scripture that ..."?

How has this character aspect helped me?

How have I been hurt by my seeking after power or avoiding power? How have I hurt other people in my seeking after power or let others be hurt because I didn't protect them?

How has my life gotten out of balance because of my seeking after power or avoided power?

What would I need to surrender in order to be totally willing to have a higher power remove this character flaw?