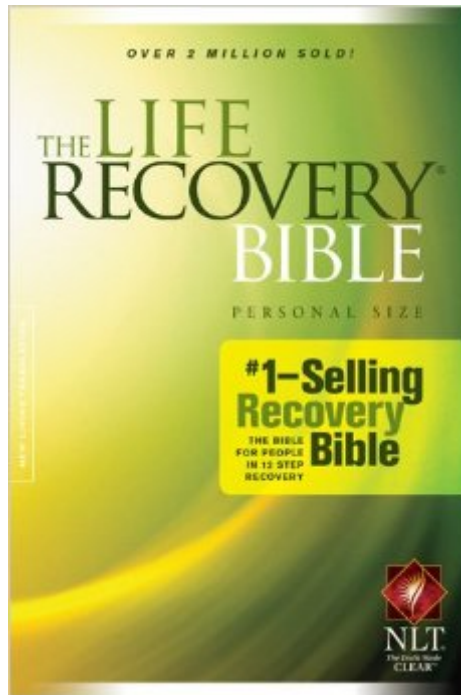


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# The Life Recovery Bible NLT, Personal Size



## Synopsis

The Life Recovery Bible is today's #1-selling recovery Bible and is based on the 12-step recovery model. It was created by two of today's leading recovery experts, David Stoop, Ph.D., and Stephen Arterburn, M.Ed., to lead readers to the source of true healing—God himself. Features: New Living Translation Recovery Notes—Placed throughout the Bible text, these notes pinpoint passages and thoughts important to recovery Twelve Step Devotionals—A reading chain of 84 Bible-based devotionals tied to the Twelve Steps of recovery and placed throughout the Bible text Serenity Prayer Devotionals—Based on the Serenity Prayer, these devotionals provide an excellent More than 50 Bible-based devotionals create an excellent guide to recovery Recovery Profiles—Key Bible characters are profiled and important recovery lessons are drawn from their lives Recovery Reflections—Typically arranged recovery reflections pinpoint specific Scripture passages at the end of most Bible books Recovery Themes—Prominent recovery themes are discussed at the openings of various Bible books Other Features: Outlines, book histories, topical index, devotional index, book introductions, user's guide, and a 12-step comparison chart

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I started reading bibles in depth 3 years ago, and I have purchased just about every translation and study bible in print. I was looking for God, for healing, for insights into what it really means to be a Christian, how to find release from the bondage of addictions and idolatry of any sort, and how to grow spiritually. I purchased this bible in August 2002. Since then, I have found answers in it that no amount of personal or group bible study using other bibles, Christian radio, professional counseling

by therapists or pastors, church attendance, or prayer have given me. Almost every page has foot-notes, devotionals, in-depth comments, which teach about addictions and how to gain freedom, details about the road to recovery, all within a Christ-centered framework using the 12 Alcoholics Anonymous steps. You can look up just about any life-experience topic in the excellently organized index/concordance in the back of the Bible, to focus on passages which help you understand who you are, what you do, why you do it, and ways to gain release from whatever plagues you, and get closer to God in order to gain peace and restoration. I have abandoned all my other bibles in favor of this one. I would urge anyone who needs help in self-control, discipline, overcoming compulsive/obsessive behaviors, to dig into the Life Recovery Bible. You will be blessed abundantly. If you simply want to grow spiritually, and you have no addictions, this bible is also for you. Every day I can look forward to new insights and teachings in this bible, which I can apply immediately to my life. The text is easy to read for such a large Bible, the NLT translation is easy to understand, and the footnotes and other devotionals do not interfere with my enjoyment of every page. There is another Life Recovery Bible in the NIV (New International Version), which in my opinion is not nearly as good as this one.

I HIGHLY recommend the Life Recovery Bible. I have been a Christian for over 30 years and the New Living Translation has enabled me to understand the Bible in a whole new way. It was written in such a way so that it flows naturally and can be read easily outloud. I have never loved the Old Testament as much as I do now, after purchasing and using the Life Recovery Bible for several years. The devotionals included in the Life Recovery Bible are worth buying this book, even if you don't want another Bible to use. I have given many of these Bibles out as gifts to friends dealing with all sorts of issues including depression, addictions, etc. Everyone I know that has one, LOVES it! This is a Bible for someone who wants to grow and change. The devotionals are inspiring and motivating as well as encouraging. God has used this Bible greatly in my life and everyone I know who has one.

All I can say is that I felt so alone and alien to the world before beginning to read this book. Now I realize I am not/was not alone, and there is hope for addicts. We don't want to live that way, but sometimes feel helpless and trapped. This book will help you realize that with God anything is possible, even recovery from hopeless addiction. I recommend this book for any person struggling with any type of addiction in their life. It perfectly relates scripture to recovery in your life today.

We have found this Bible extremely helpful for new Christians in our Alpha group, many of whom are coming out of all kinds of recovery from all kinds of addiction. The insights, reflections and commentary sections are especially wonderful for all who have come out of abusive relationships or who have been victimized by those in addiction. We found that reading the Bible notes in this way gave folks another way to see through the eyes of someone in active recovery. It is difficult if not impossible sometimes to make amends for actions we may have done while in addictive states and the guilt and shame that results is often a horrible burden to live with. With the Word of God and the notes that follow, this is dealt with in a healthy way, showing us that only God can heal either person involved in an addictive relationship. This Bible was also given to me as one to use when recovering from manic depression. While not all manic depressives are addicts, many have done things in their lives, that they must deal with as consequences, that cause the same results as an addict may. In the area of guilt, shame, and hope, the recovery Bible is an amazing tool for those suffering from the ravages of mental illness and its devastating consequences. While we take responsibility for our actions, we realize that with God's help there is hope. A wonderful tool for all in any sort of recovery, and a wonderful tool for those running small groups in churches as well as recovery groups and new Christian groups.

Anyone involved in a 12 step program can gain so much from this translation and cross-reference Bible. It is very easy to get in a rut and become vulnerable to taking everything worked so hard for right into complacency and failure. The Bible is easy to read and understand in modern English. The cross reference helps keep recovery fresh and vital on a daily basis and gives the reader new ways of sharing the love and growth of recovery with those coming into a new way of living. It has helped me in meditation, with new insights shared with peers and is very important in my daily life now.

I have been clean and sober for more than 25 years and after I became a Christian, I looked for something that would help tie the two together. Generally I have been disappointed, the things I found clearly did not really understand the Steps. But when I got this Bible I no longer needed to search. This Bible shows an understanding of the Bible, Christianity and an understanding of how the Twelve Steps really work in my life. Every time I pick up the Life Recovery Bible I find things that speak to me, inspire me and help me live life on life's terms. I recommend this to people I sponsor and have bought copies to give away. I love this book.

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