## Some Steps in Transforming and Integrating Recovery Issues in Healing Our Child Within .

| Recovery Issues                                      | Early   | Middle                                       | Advanced                       | Recovered   |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1) Grieving  | Identifying our Losses                                | Learning to grieve                           | Grieving                       | Grieving current losses   |
| 2) Being real  | Identifying our real self                             | Practicing being real                        |                                | Being real  |
| 3) Neglecting our<br>own needs                       | Realizing we have needs                               | Identifying our needs                        | Beginning to get our needs met | Getting our needs met   |
| 4) Being over-<br>responsible for<br>others, etc.    | Identifying<br>boundaries                             | Clarifying boundaries                        | Learning to set limits         | Being responsible for<br>self, with clear<br>boundaries             |
| 5) Low self-esteem                                   | Identifying   | Sharing                                      | Affirming                      | Improved self-esteem  |
| 6) Control   | Identifying   | Beginning to let go                          | Taking responsibility          | Taking responsibility<br>while letting go                           |
| 7) All-or-None                                       | Recognizing and identifying                           | Learning both/and choices                    | Getting free                   | Freedom from all-or-<br>none choices                                |
| 8) Trust   | Realizing trusting can be helpful                     | Trusting selectively                         | Learning to trust safe people  | Trusting appropriately  |
| 9) Feeling   | Recognizing and identifying                           | Experiencing                                 | Using                          | Observing and using feelings  |
| 10) High tolerance<br>for inappropriate<br>behavior  | Questioning what is<br>appropriate and what<br>is not | Learning what is appropriate and what is not | Learning to set limits         | Knowing what is<br>appropriate, or if not,<br>asking a safe person. |
| 11) Fear of<br>abandonment                           | Realizing we were<br>abandoned or<br>neglected        | Talking about it                             | Grieving our<br>abandonment    | Freedom from fear of abandonment                                    |
| 12) Difficulty<br>handling and<br>resolving conflict | Recognizing and risking                               | Practicing expressing feelings               | Resolving conflicts            | Working through current conflicts                                   |
| 13/14) Difficulty<br>giving and<br>receiving love    | Defining love   | Practicing love                              | Forgiving and refining         | Loving self, others,<br>and Higher Power                            |

## **Recovery** Issues

Grieving past and current issues Difficulty being real Neglecting our needs Being over-responsible for others

Low self-esteem Control

All-or-none functioning Difficulty trusting Difficulty with feeling High tolerance for inappropriate behavior Fear of abandonment

Difficulty resolving conflict Difficulty giving and receiving love

## Transformed Into

Grieving current losses

Being real

Getting our needs met

Being responsible for self, with clear boundaries

Improved self-esteem

Taking responsibility, while letting go of control

Freedom from all-or-none

Trusting appropriately

Observing and using our feelings

Knowing what is appropriate, and if not, asking a safe person

Freedom from fear of abandonment

**Resolving conflict** 

Loving self, others and Higher Power