MATTHEW 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

MATTHEW 16:24-26

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

MATTHEW 16:24-26

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

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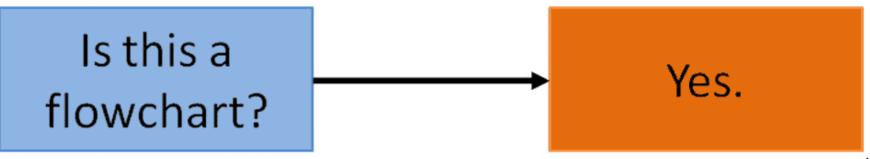
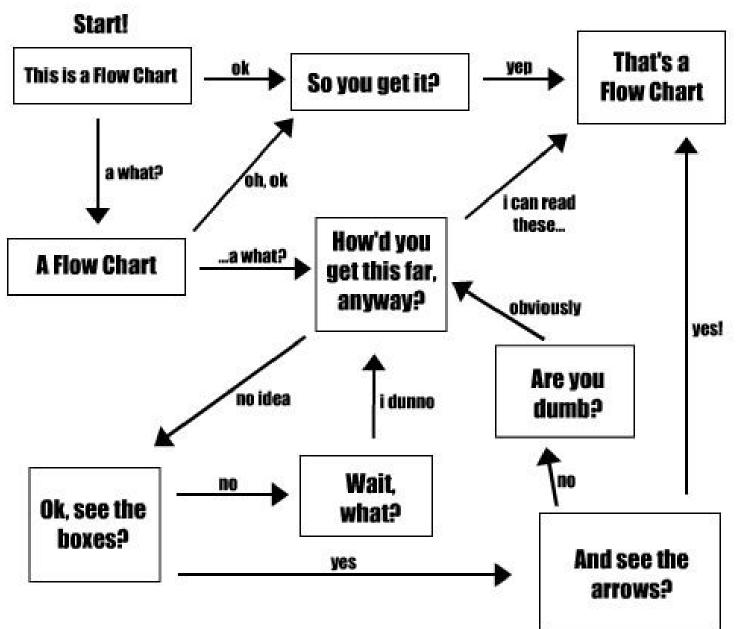
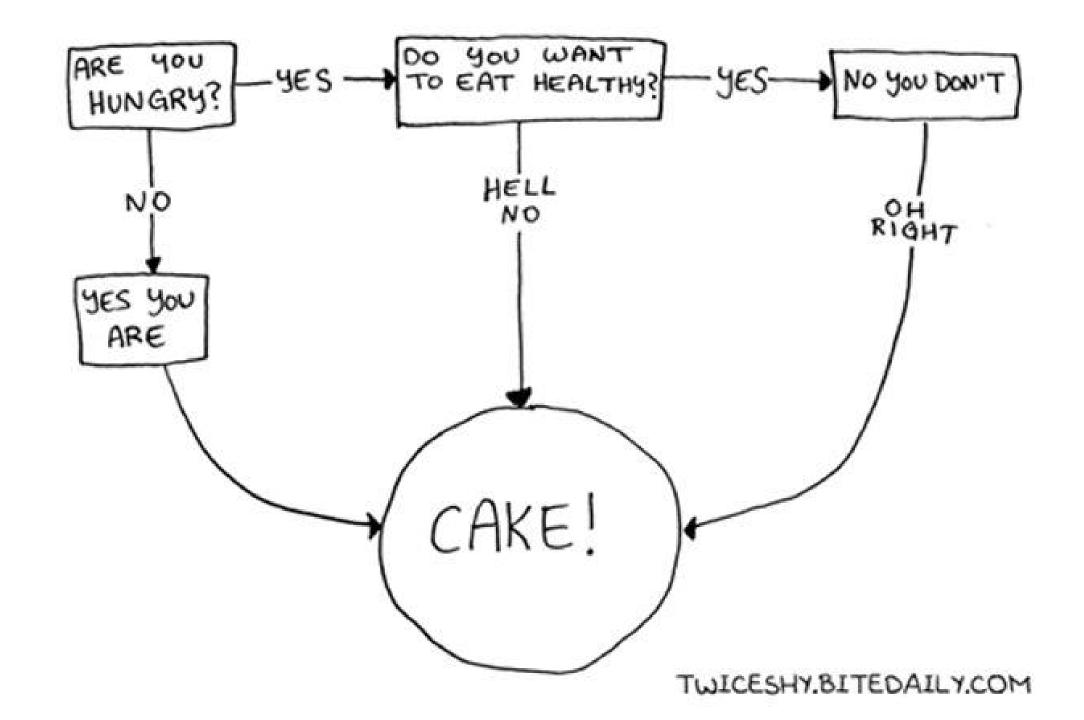


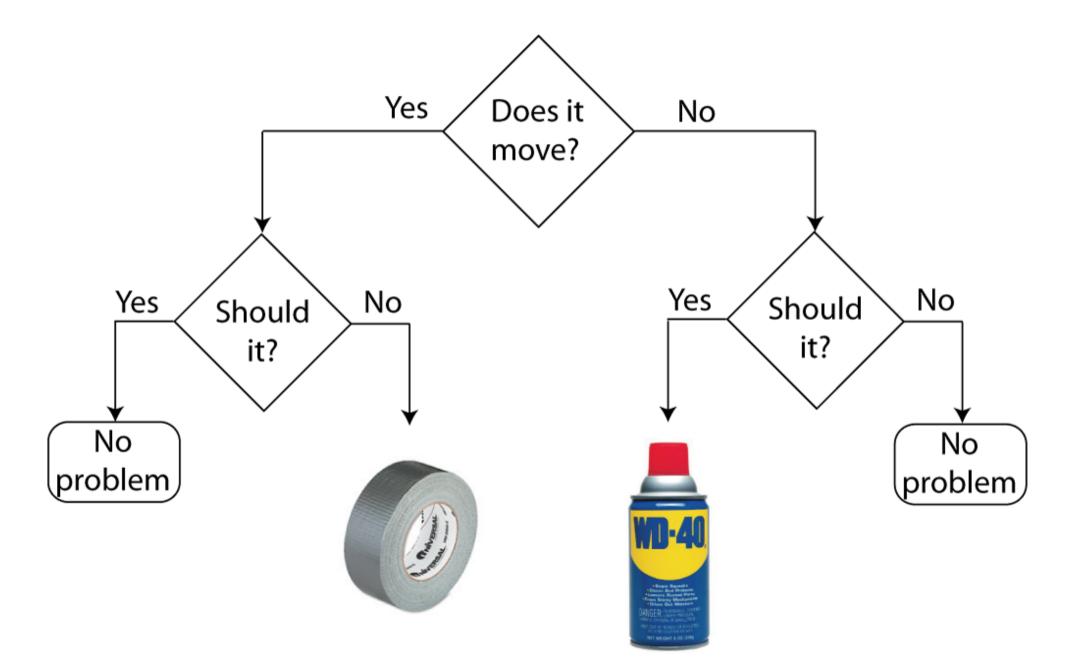
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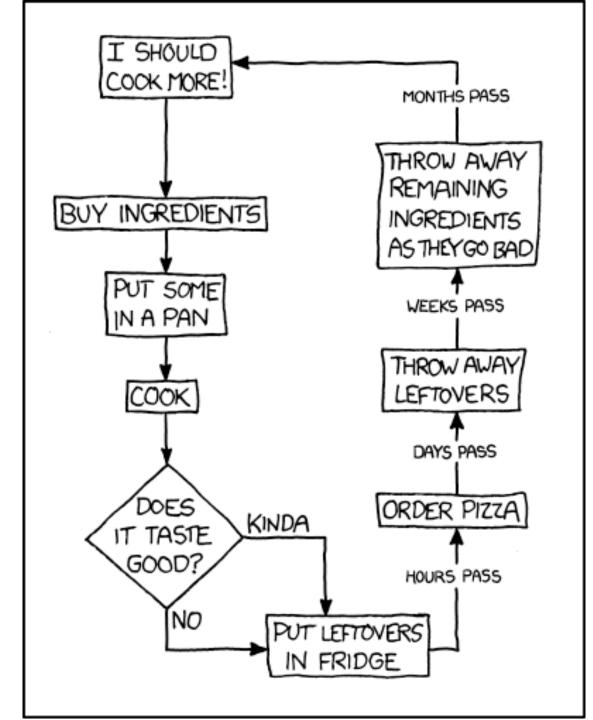
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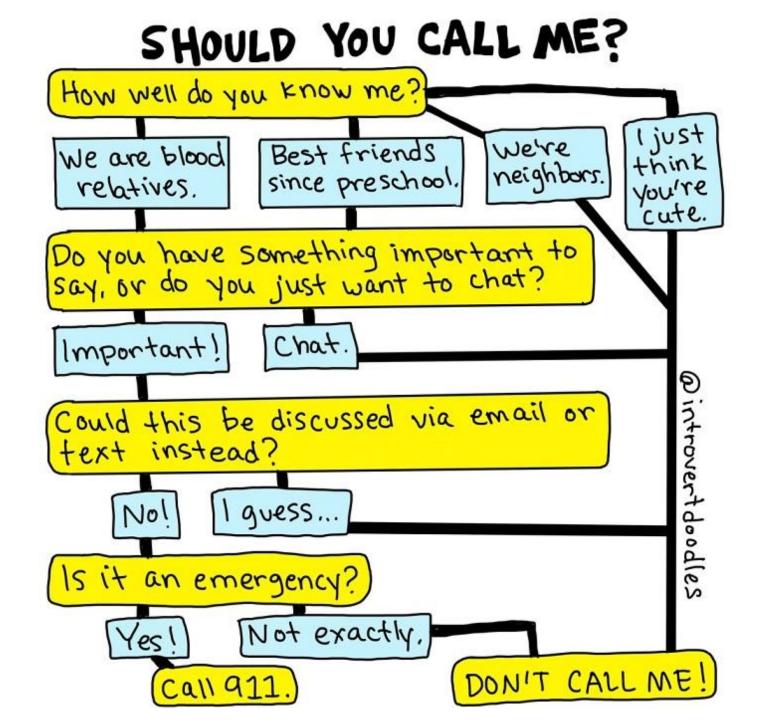




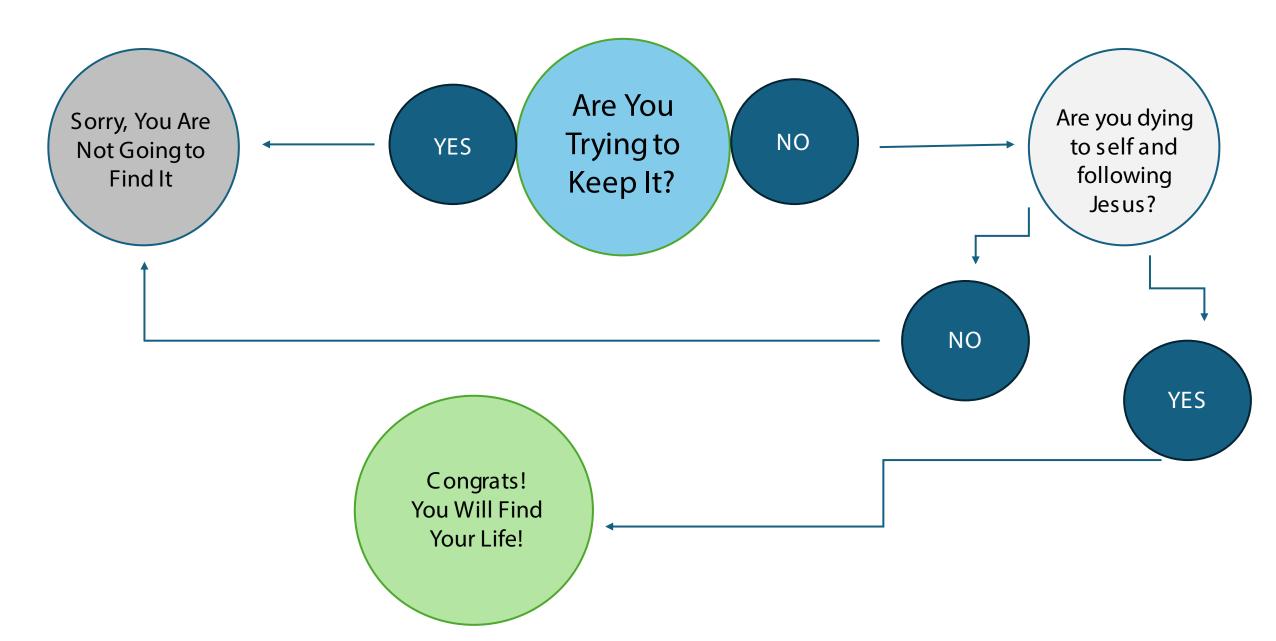
Laboratory Troubleshooting Flowchart







WILL YOU FIND YOUR LIFE?



ROMANS 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

PRACTICE

THE MISSION OF JESUS

JAMES 1:22

Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice.

MATTHEW 7:24

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

PRACTICE

PERFECTION

PERMISSION

THE MISSION OF JESUS

COLOSSIANS 3:15 & 16

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom

JOHN 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me.

PERMISSION

PRODUCTION

ROMANS 14:7

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of <u>righteousness</u> and <u>peace</u> and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross.

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

Always be <u>full of joy</u> in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Then you will experience <u>God's</u> <u>peace</u>, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.