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ADDICTION

Biblical Answers to Life's Hard Questions



In Roman law and the Middle Ages

A civil judicial officer sentenced debtor to “**addiction**”

Work for a master to repay debts

An “**ADDICTUS**” was imprisoned by obligations they
couldn’t afford to pay

Latin: “**to surrender or deliver**”

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FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF BONDAGE AGAIN TO FEAR, BUT YOU RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION BY WHOM WE CRY OUT, "ABBA, FATHER."

Romans 8:15 (p 1300)

The "spirit of slavery"

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The period of denial
Coupled with other addictions
Emotional slavery

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THE NATURE OF ADDICTION

Sin is addictive **Romans 6:16 (p 1299)**

Matthew 6:24 (p 1117)

Addiction and how a person lives

Colossians 3:5-7; 3:15-17 (p 1354)

“Living in them”

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THE NATURE OF ADDICTION

Addiction is a matter of the eternal soul

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (p 1314)

No AA group in the first century

No exit groups for homosexuality

How did they overcome? **THE GOSPEL!**

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THE NATURE OF ADDICTION

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1 Corinthians 6:12 (p 1314)

ASV *I will not be brought under the power of any*

ESV *I will not be dominated by anything*

ISV *I will not allow anything to control me*

NASB *I will not be mastered by anything*

NLT *I must not become a slave to anything*



THE NATURE OF ADDICTION

The character of the Christian deals with addiction

2 Peter 1:6 (p 1395) “To knowledge, self-control”

It is about controlling the mind

Romans 12:2 (p 1305)

Colossians 3:2 (p 1354)



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HOW CAN CHRIST HELP A PERSON?



The denial must stop!

Accept the problem has eternal consequence

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (p 1331)

Accept it as an issue of the heart and with God

Titus 2:11-14 (p 1370)

GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE!



Dealing With Addiction

Drugs, alcohol, gaming, compulsive buying, excessive social media, pornography, and eating - to name a few

All of these must be viewed from SELF - CONTROL

2 Timothy 3:3 (p 1368)

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Dealing With Addiction

Never put yourself in a compromised position

1 Timothy 4:8 (p 1363)

Godliness

Matthew 5:27-30 (p 1115)

Pornography

1 Timothy 1:15 (p 1362)

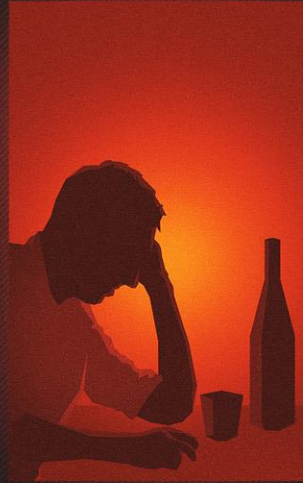
Honesty

1 Corinthians 10:13 (p 1318)

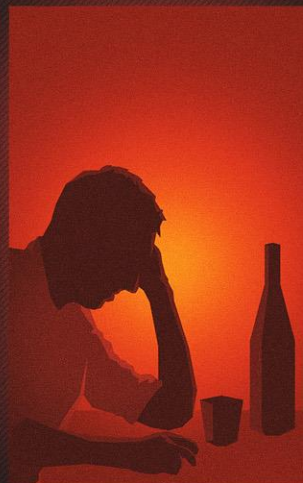
Trust in God

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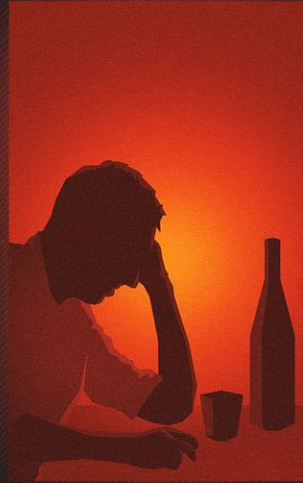
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You can overcome
1 Corinthians 6:11 (p 1314)



God will forgive you
1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (p 1323)



He who believes and is baptized will be **SAVED**; but he who does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)