

Jesus Loves Addicts

addiction - a surrender of ones self to something obsessively and habitually.

1 Corinthians 6:12-

“I have the right to do anything,” you say- but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”- but I will not be mastered by anything.

Proverbs 26:11-12

Ephesians 2:3-6

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions (bound by our sin/addiction)- it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ Jesus, and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Luke 4:16-19

He went to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and on the sabbath day he went into the synagogue as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The spirit of The Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

How to walk in Freedom: some tips.

1. Rely on The _____.

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

2. Look for the _____.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

3. Walk in _____.

Luke 18: 18-22

Then a certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good? Jesus replied, no-one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.

“All these I have kept from my youth” he said.

On hearing this Jesus told him, “you still lack one thing: sell everything you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me.”

4. Bring it into the_____.

Luke 8:17

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known and brought out into the open.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.