

III. _____ WISE PEOPLE

“You will be the same today as you were yesterday except for the books you read and the people you meet.” --Zig Ziglar

“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.” Proverbs 13:20

“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:” Proverbs 1:5

*“8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.*

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”

Exodus 17:8-12

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1

“24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

GET UNHOOKED FROM YOUR ADDICTIONS!!

“31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32

UNHOOKED ~ FINDING RELEASE FROM YOUR ADDICTIONS How To Build A Circle Of Support Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. Our culture is hooked! The truth is everyone struggles with addiction. Pornography, spending, tobacco, alcohol, drugs (prescription and illegal), gaming, food, sex, gossip, media and the list goes on. The list of addictive behaviors has never been longer and they have never been easier to find. The good news is that we can be released.

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:13

B. This six week series of messages will teach you...

February 21 –Why Everyone Struggles With Addiction

February 28 –How To Experience God’s Power

March 7 – How To Motivate Yourself For Change

March 14 How To Manage Your Lifestyle Habits

TODAY – How To Build A Circle Of Support

March 28 – Maintaining Momentum

Come as you are and discover how to find release from the very thing that has you hooked.

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (Pew Bible/Pg. 614/Old Testament)

A circle of support produces:

- Mutual _____
- Mutual _____
- Mutual _____

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HOW TO BUILD YOUR CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

I. _____ TO GOD

The most important thought that goes through your mind is what you think of God.

“21 ... there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” Isaiah 45:21b-22

“1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”

I Peter 3:18

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:3

“4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” John 8:4-5,7,10-11

II. _____ NEGATIVE PEOPLE

Show me your friends and I will show you your future.

“Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

I Corinthians 15:33 NKJV

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

Psalms 1:1

“17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Romans 16:17-18

“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”

Proverbs 27:17

“24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.”

Proverbs 6:24-25, 27-29

“12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.”

Genesis 39:12