

# Biblical Perspective on Addictions

## *(Alcohol, Drugs, Pornography ect..)*

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**Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain:**  
*(Joel 2:1)*

### **Satan's Fiery Darts**

*2 Tim. 2:26*

that they may recover themselves out to the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

*1 Peter 1:13-16*

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the *former lusts* in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

*1 Peter 2:11*

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lust which war against the soul;

*Prov. 20:1*

Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

### **Satan's Lies**

*2 Cor. 2:11*

Lest Satan should get advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**1. Peer Pressure – Everybody Does It!**

Daniel 3 (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego) 100%

**2. Do not respect or recognize authority**

Teachers, Pastors, Parents, Law Enforcement, Superiors, even God

**3. Satisfaction or Happiness comes only with earthly things**

**4. A little is okay or I can handle it**

**5. All around us - can't help it :** Radio, TV, billboards, computer, ipads, Cell Phones

## Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? *Psalm 119:9*

*How can a young man cleanse his way, before his parents, his peers and most especially before the Lord?*

### 1. A wise man will “take heed to God’s Word”

*Psalm 119:9-16*

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared the judgements of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

### 2. A wise man “will hear”,

*Prov. 1:5*

and increase in learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

*Prov. 11:14*

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

### 3. A wise man will “fear the Lord”

*Prov. 1:7*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

*Prov. 3:5-8*

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy naval and marrow to thy bones.

*Ephesians 6:11-18*

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole

armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparations of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

#### 4. A wise man “hear the instruction of parents”

*Prov. 1:8-9*

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

*Prov. 20:20*

Whoso, curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

*Ephesians 6:1-3*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long on the earth.

#### 5. A wise man will “avoid the ungodly”

*Prov. 1:10-16*

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path; For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

*Prov. 4:10-15*

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in the right paths. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her for she is thy life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

*Prov. 4:23-27*

Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on , and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.

*Romans 12:9*

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

*1 Cor. 15:33*

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

*1Thes. 5:22*

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

“One of the best defenses against sin or trouble is distance”.

Quote: from the late: Elder Afton Richards

## **6. A wise man will “learn from his mistakes”**

*Prov. 3:11-12*

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

*Hebrews 12: 5-7*

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealteth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

*Hebrews 12:11*

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yeildeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

## **7. A wise man will “put off, put away and put on”**

*Ephesians 4:21-24*

If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

*Ephesians 4:27*

Neither give place to the devil.

*Ephesians 4:29-32*

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven you.

*Colossians 3:8-10*

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him;

*Colossians 3:12-14*

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity which is the bond of perfectness.

**8. A wise man will “press toward the mark”**

*Phil. 3:7-10*

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, that the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

*Phil. 3:13-14*

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

*Phil. 4:13*

**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**