

## One Step To Freedom 2023

**\*Principles of One step to freedom: to be set free from addiction through faith in Jesus Christ:**

*\*God`s word tells us we are prisoners and slaves to sin and the only way to freedom is through Jesus Christ:*

**Galatians 3:22(NLT) But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God`s promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.**

**John 8:34-36(NKJV) <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

*\*To be set free from addiction by accepting and understanding the power of God`s word:*

**James 1:21 (NLT) So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the Word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.**

*\*To be set free from addiction by allowing the Word of God to expose our condition:*

**Hebrews 4:12 (AMP) For the word of God is living and active and full of power. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit, and of both joints and marrow- the deepest parts of our nature, exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

*\*To be set free from addiction by doing what God`s word says:*

**James 1:25 (NLT)<sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don`t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.**

*\*To walk in freedom from addiction by continually seeking God`s Word:*

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**Psalms 119:45 (NLT) <sup>45</sup> I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments.**

*\*To walk in freedom through accountability:*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12(NKJV) <sup>9</sup> Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up. <sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

*\*To walk in freedom by being an active member of a church family:*

**Hebrews 10:25(AMP) <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our meeting together as believers for worship and instruction, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more faithfully as you see the day of Christ's return approaching.**

*\*Worlds view of addiction: Addiction is an inherited trait.*

*\*God's word tells us we have inherited a sinful nature that comes with a death sentence:*

**Romans 5:12 (NLV) 12 This is what happened: Sin came into the world by one man, Adam. Sin brought death with it. Death spread to all men because all have sinned.**

*\* The worlds view of addiction: Addiction is a disease.*

*\* God's word tells us addiction is a manifestation of the disease of sin:*

**Galatians 5:19-21 (ASV) Now the works of the flesh (sinful nature) are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 idolatry, *\*sorcery(witchcraft)*, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, wild parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who (habitually) practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

*\*Strong's Concordance G5331- pharmakeia: Definition: the use of medicine, drugs or spells. Usage: magic, sorcery, enchantment.*

*\*World view of addiction-Once an addict always addict.*

*\*God's word tells us we can be a new creation in Jesus Christ:*

**2 Corinthians 5:17(NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

*\*worlds view of addiction: not your fault your not responsible- you're a victim.*

*\*God's word tells us we are at fault and we made a conscious choice to partake in our sin of addiction:*

**James 1:14-15(NKJV) <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

*\*God`s Word tells us we will be held accountable for our sins before Him:*

**Romans 14:11-12 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.”<sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

*\*The world tells us we are in control of our own destiny.*

*\*God`s word shows us we are not in control of our lives and He determines our way:*

**Jeremiah 10:23 (AMP)** O Lord, I know that the path/life of a man is not in himself; It is not within the limited ability of man even at his best to choose and direct his steps in life.

*\*GOD loves us so much He gave us a way to receive freedom from our bondage of sin and death!*

**John 3:16-17 (NKJV)**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

*\*Jesus is The cure for the disease of sin:*

**Isaiah 61:1(NKJV)** “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me (The Messiah, Jesus Christ), Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives,And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound.*

*\*How to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior*

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)** 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.