

One step to freedom lesson 4

Is addiction sin?

Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV) ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, sorcery/witchcraft (drug addiction), hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness (addiction), revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things as a habitual lifestyle shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Biblical definition of sin: deliberately, purposely transgressing/violating the law(s) of God, rebellion against God, anything you say, do, or think that goes against God's will. a wicked act; iniquity, immoral act, Doing what God forbids, missing the mark, falling short of the target, A mental consent to a temptation or a sinful desire, Unbelief, a deliberate rejection of a Biblical truth, an act of disobedience to Divine law, surrendering to the power of evil rather than to God. impiety, unbelief, distrust,

**Do you know addiction is wrong?*

James 4:17 (AMP) ¹⁷ So any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin.

**Does addiction also break man's law?*

1 John 3:4 (NKJV) ⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

**Did you know if you sin you put yourself in the same likeness as the devil?*

1John 3:8 (AMP) The one who practices sin is of the devil and takes his inner character and moral values from him; for the devil has sinned and violated God's law from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

**The nature of sin:*

1.) It's an inherited trait to all human beings:

Romans 5:12 (NLV) 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

**What you can expect having worldly expectations:*

Colossians 3:2 (AMP) ² Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above the heavenly things, not on things that are on the earth; which have only temporal value.

1 John 2:17 (AMP) ¹⁷ The world is passing away, along with its lusts and shameful pursuits and ungodly longings; but the one who does the will of God and carries out His purposes lives forever

**What you can expect having your expectations in men:*

Psalm 146:3 (AMP) ³ Do not trust/have your *expectations* in princes, or In mortal man, in whom there is no help.

Psalm 60:11 (KJV) ¹¹ Give us help from trouble: for vain is the expectation of help of/in man.

**What you can expect if your expectation is in God:*

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) ¹¹ For I know the thoughts/plans that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts/plans of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Romans 8:28 (AMP) ²⁸ We are assured and know *and can expect* that all things work together and are fitting into a plan for good to and for those who love God and are called according to His design and purpose.

**Does your addiction come from unbelief in God?*

Psalm 53:1(AMP) The empty-headed fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt and evil, and have committed abominable iniquity/sin; There is no one who does good.

Psalm 36:1-2 (AMP) Transgression/sin speaks like an oracle to the wicked the godless/unbelieving deep within his heart; There is no fear of God before his eyes.” For he flatters and deceives himself in his own eyes *Thinking* that his sinfulness will not be discovered and hated by God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (AMP) ⁴ For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers’ minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

**Does your sin of addiction come from self pity?*

Psalm 69:20 (AMP) ²⁰ **Insults and reproach have broken my heart; I am full of heaviness and I am distressingly sick. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.**

Job 10:18 (ERV) **So why did you let me be born? I wish I had died before anyone saw me.**

Jeremiah 15:10 (EASY) **‘This is terrible for me! I am sorry, mother, that you gave birth to me. I cause trouble and arguments wherever I go in the land. I never lend money to people, and I do not ask them to lend money to me. But everyone curses me anyway.**

**Do you think God does not see your sin of addiction?*

Psalm 10:11(NLT) **The wicked think, “God isn’t watching us! He has closed his eyes and won’t even see what we do!”**

Jeremiah 16:17 (AMP) ¹⁷ **For My (GOD) eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their wickedness concealed from My eyes.**

Psalm 33:13(AMP)¹³ **The LORD looks [down] from heaven; He sees all the sons of man;**

Proverbs 15:3(AMP) ³**The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good in all their endeavors.**

Hebrews 4:13 (AMP) ¹³ **And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, and revealed to the eyes of Him with whom we have to give account.**

Do you think that your getting away with your sin of addiction?

Ecclesiastes 8:11 (AMP) ¹¹ ***don’t be fooled*, Because the sentence (God's judgement) against an evil act is not executed quickly, the hearts of the sons of men are fully set to do evil.**

**You will be held accountable for your sin:*

Hebrews 4:13 (AMP) ¹³ **And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, and revealed to the eyes of Him with whom we have to give account.**

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ **God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.**

Romans 2:16 (AMP) ¹⁶on that day, judgement day, as The Gospel proclaims, God will judge the secrets, all the hidden thoughts and concealed sins of men through Christ Jesus.

**No one is exempt from God's rules and God's judgement:*

Deuteronomy 29:19 (EASY) Nobody who hears the message of this covenant should think that they can go against it. Someone might say to himself, I do not have to obey this covenant. I will be safe, whatever happens. God will still bless me.' A person who thinks like that will bring trouble on everyone and on everything.

Deuteronomy 29:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart' as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.

**God's warning and corrective instruction on sinning:*

1 Corinthians 15:34 (AMP) ³⁴ Awake from your drunken stupor and return to sober sense and your right minds, and sin no more. For some of you have not the knowledge of God, you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant, and continue to be so, lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him. I say this to your shame.

**Practical application*

Proverbs 28:13 (AMP) ¹³ He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But whoever confesses and turns away from his sins will find compassion and mercy.

1 John 1:9 (AMP) ⁹ If we freely admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, God is faithful and just, true to His own nature and promises, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness, our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose.

**Summation; If you are a slave to sin you can't live in God's house:*

John 8:34-36 (AMP) ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, everyone who practices sin habitually is a slave of sin. ³⁵Now the slave does not remain in a household forever; the son [of the master] does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, then you are unquestionably free indeed.