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ADDICTION

- 1. What Do We Mean?** We mean *habitual dependency*. Some claim that one can be “addicted” to the Lord. That description is awkward. Our use of the word is in the common and historical sense. (1 Thess 5:21-22) “*Prove _____ things; _____ that which is good. Abstain from _____ of evil.*” This is one example that tells us to turn loose of anything that even seems bad. Why, if we (2 Pet 2:20) have “*escaped the _____ of the world,*” would one risk becoming “*again _____ therein, and _____?*”
- 2. Don’t Be Enslaved** (Gal 5:1) “*Stand fast therefore in the _____ wherewith Christ hath made us _____, and be not _____ again with the yoke of _____.*” What does enslaved mean? _____ Paul said that when one obeys the gospel (Rom 6:6) the “*_____ man is _____ with him.*” Jesus was physically crucified. Paul said (Gal 2:20), “*I am _____ with Christ: nevertheless I _____.*” He meant this figuratively, that the former way of living (ie: the old man) was now dead (ie: crucified). To accomplish what? “*That the body of _____ might be _____, that henceforth we should _____ serve sin.*”
- 3. FREE In Christ** Jesus said: (Jn 8:36) “*If the _____ therefore shall make you _____, ye shall be free indeed.*” What does this mean? Jesus was addressing (V31) “*those _____ which _____ on him.*” Remember that Jesus lived and died under the Jewish Dispensation. Naturally he addressed Jews, not Gentiles. What he says (V32) was true only to believing followers: “*Ye shall _____ the _____, and the truth shall make _____ free.*” The truth never f-r-e-e-s those who refuse it. That’s why devils (Jas 2:19) “*_____ and tremble.*” They know but won’t obey!
- 4. Turning Over A New Leaf** Since (Jn 17:17) “*thy _____ is truth,*” one must accept God’s Word in order to be *free from sin*. (Gal 3:26-27) _____ is when one puts on Christ and becomes **Free In Christ**. Why? Because (Acts 22:16) _____ is when sins are washed away. This is the New Birth (Jn 3:3-5). At this point all addictions to the *old man of sinful living* must stop.
- 5. Attempting To Serve Two Masters Is Hypocritical And Impossible** Jesus plainly stated (Lk 16:13) that “*No servant can serve _____ masters.*” Why? “*For either he will _____ the one, and _____ the other; or else he will _____ to the one, and _____ the other.*” His point: “*Ye _____ serve God and mammon.*” Amos asks (3:3), “*Can two walk _____, except they be _____?*” They can’t do it anymore than one can keep carnal addictions and serve God.
- 6. Leave Behind The Former Way Of Life** (Eph 4:22-24) “*That ye put off concerning the _____ conversation _____, which is _____ according to the deceitful _____; And be renewed in the spirit of _____; And that ye _____ the new man.*” One “puts on” Christ in baptism (Gal 3:27) which means that if he hasn’t been baptized he hasn’t put on Christ. If one can be saved without baptism then he can be saved without putting on Christ. Habitual dependency on “*deceitful lusts*” must go before one can be **Free In Christ**.