

# HOW TO BECOME AN ADDICT

## Bad Advice – Part 2

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**1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)** “*I have the right to do anything, you say—but not everything is beneficial. I have the right to do anything—but I will not be mastered by anything.*”

**Mastered: to be controlled by or enslaved;  
brought under the power of something.**

**What's mastered you?**

**Isaiah 44:14-17 (NIV)** “*He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow. <sup>15</sup> It is used as fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it. <sup>16</sup> Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, ‘Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.’ <sup>17</sup> From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, ‘Save me! You are my god!’ ”*

**We're seeking to find what only God can provide.**

**John 14:27 (NIV)** “*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*”

**Philippians 4:7 (NIV)** “*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”

**How To Become An Addict...**

**1. Don't ever admit you have a problem.**

**Jeremiah 3:13 (NLT)** “*Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God and committed adultery against Him by worshiping idols under every green tree. Confess that you refused to listen to My voice. I, the Lord, have spoken!*”

**2. Gratify your fleshly desires.**

**Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)** *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.<sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.”*

**3. Keep your addiction a secret.**

**Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)** *“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”*

**Sin grows best in the dark.**

**4. Depend on your own power... never God's.**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)** *“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*

Power: Greek – “*dunamis*” - explosive  
Our English word “*dynamite*” comes from this word.

Stronghold: “*a prisoner locked by deception.*”  
Someone who is believing a lie.

**1 John 4:4 (NIV)** *“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them (the evil spirits), because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”*

**Put On Your Spiritual Armor - Ephesians 6:10-17**

**Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)** *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”*

**Galatians 5:1 (NIV)** *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”*

**John 8:32 (NIV)** *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*