

# Dealing With Addiction

*1 Corinthians 6:12*

*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.*

Introduction: Christians oftentimes have incorrect views of addiction. It carries social stigma, guilt, and feelings of failure.

Christians are called to approach all subjects with love, sympathy, and understanding.

## I. God's View of Drug Addiction

Gal. 5:21, 1 Cor. 6:10

Harms body, mind, and the spirit. The longer you stay addicted, the more harm you do to yourself and others.

But Christians don't write people off. People need love, attention, and care to recover.

Keep yourself from danger, have boundaries, don't enable them.

## II. The Need For Redemption

Romans 13:10-13

And that, knowing the time, that now is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

There is hope, time, opportunity to change.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

It takes work: must want to be made well, medicine, therapy, counseling, changes in life.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Requires change.

## III. Responsibility to Rescue

Luke 15:1-7 Pharisees and teachers upset Jesus spends time with sinners.

Jesus says go find the lost sheep.

The church had a responsibility to bring back the lost and hurting.

They need prayers, support, help

Conclusion: Very complicated issue, but one we must be involved in. Work to ensure that you and the people in your life have every opportunity to find God, to return to him, and to live a happy and healthy life in his grace.