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Addictions



Beauty for Ashes – Isaiah 61:3 – Part 4 of 6

The Ugly Brokenness of Man – The Beautiful Restoration of God

Proverbs 26:11 "As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly."

James 1:12-16 "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

¹⁵Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren."

Three steps to help you overcome an addiction:

1. **Take** _____ (*Romans 7:18-19*)
 - A. _____ I cannot overcome without God.
 - B. _____ and impact of my sin.
 - C. _____, motive and history of my sin.
2. **Take** _____ (*Acts 3:19-20*)
 - A. _____ for how my sin replaced and misrepresented Him.
 - B. _____ for harm done and seek to make amends.
 - C. _____ to rely on God's Grace and Word to transform my life.
3. **Take** _____ (*Titus 2:11-14*)
 - A. _____ in every area of my life with humility and flexibility.
 - B. _____ and identity to which God has called me.
 - C. _____ for God's glory.

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1. Shame, Guilt & Regret
(3 Best friends of Despair)
2. Anger & Bitterness
(Formula for Destruction)
3. Anxiety Stress Depression
(The life blood of Failure)
4. **Addictions**
(Grasping for Nothing)
5. Parenting
(A Grace Filled Experience)
6. Marriage
(Total Sacrifice)