

The Christian Solution for Addictions: Jesus!

Our Ministry of Love ~ Discipleship

Those seeking freedom from drugs and alcohol, and life-controlling sin, in "The Most Excellent Way" need what God's Word provides:

- How to live free,
- How to relate to others,
- How to find meaning in life,
- How to know God, and
- How to be the kind of person He desires in His Eternal Kingdom.

Jesus is the answer, the solution, and the power to reconstruct (more than "recover") broken lives. He is Foundation and the Rock of our Salvation. Jesus promises to be with His followers in the midst of problems, to guide us through hardships, and to strengthen and mold us as we endure life's pain and distress.

disciples. it's who we are. discipleship. it's what we do.

In "The Most Excellent Way" we focus on PUTTING OFF old habits and hang-ups, and PUTTING ON our new supernatural life in Christ in accordance with the Word of God. Our hope and prayer is that each new born-again believer will experience the victory of walking with the Spirit, and will steadily hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. As we experience change in our outward behavior begun by the Holy Spirit, we grow from glory to glory renewing our heart and mind ... becoming more and more like Christ.

Spiritual growth happens over time and is different for each unique new Christian. Sadly, many remain babes because their walk continues on the path of man's popular "recovery" philosophies and practices. Too many remain blinded by "the god of this age, so they cannot see the light of the gospel." They enjoy their honeymoon



with their Savior, their *"first love*", but what happens when the honeymoon is over and they face trials? They backslide into the natural man, obeying the flesh rather than the Spirit. They may stop attending church and support meetings, and studying the Word. Their fellowship with the Lord is broken.

We are commanded to *"let your light shine*" and to *"make disciples."* If we consider ourselves to be disciples of Christ, it is our privilege, duty and responsibility to encourage new believers to *"seek the kingdom God and His righteousness"* (Matthew 6:33). As we gain victory over our own self-centered life and are less and less influenced by the world and man's philosophies, the Holy Spirit will guide us to comfort and encourage and teach new believers to follow the narrow road toward the abundant life in Christ. $\mathbf{\Psi}$



Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner [or backslider] from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. James 5:19-20

"God, help us purify our Ministry of Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness with Your pure, unpolluted Word!"

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