

CARE RESOURCES

DRUG ABUSE

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WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS

- *Everything is permissible for me -- but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me -- but I will not be mastered by anything" (I Corinthians 6:12).*
- *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).*
- *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, and He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out (Luke 4:18-21, 36).*
- *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross (Colossians 2:15).*
- *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work (I John 3:8).*
- *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. You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love (Galatians 5:1, 13).*

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Take seriously the bondage in which you are involved. God cares about you and has a solution.

- **Your real problem is not an incurable illness, but sin.** And Jesus came to deal with sin (I Corinthians 5:11).
- You need to be **spiritually reborn** and **baptized with the Holy Spirit**.
- You need to **change your life patterns**.
- You also may need **help for deliverance** from drugs and healing.
- Be bold. Take a fearless inventory of your life. Ask for help from your family, Christian friends, a local pastor, or another Christian ministry that cares.
- **It is said that it takes thirty-one days to break a habit. Drug addiction is a "life dominating" problem, so radical changes must be made regarding associates, social atmosphere, places frequented, etc. Replacement, not abstention, is the key.**
- You need to keep busy and occupy your mind with new things (Philippians 4:8,9). Learn to yield yourself to Christ rather than to drugs, old friends, self-pity, guilt, fear, etc.

HOW TO BE SPIRITUALLY REBORN

God has a plan for your salvation. Call on the Lord to save you mind, body and soul (I John 1:9). Receive Him as your Saviour and Lord (John 1:12). Believe Him. He said He would not turn anyone away. He loves you and gave His life for you (John 3:16,17).

- **Pray this prayer right now:**

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose from the grave to give me life. I know You are the only way to God so now I want

to quit disobeying You and start living for You. Please forgive me, change my life and show me how to know You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOW YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE FORGIVEN

The Bible, God's Word says:

- You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and you have done nothing on your own (Ephesians 2:8).
- For those who put their faith in Jesus: He gave them the right to be the children of God... God Himself was the one who made them His children (John 1:12-13).

HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Once you become a Christian, you can have God's power available through the Holy Spirit. You will be able to live as God intended (Ezekiel 36:27).
- The Holy Spirit empowers you to help others (Acts 1:8), He aids and teaches you (John 14:26; I Corinthians 2:13), and guides you into truth (John 16:13) and in life (Acts 10:19; 13:2; 16:6).
- You may want to ask someone already baptized with the Holy Spirit to pray with you. Just as you asked the Lord to forgive your sins, believing He would, ask Him now to baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). He promised to do so, so take Him at His Word that He does what you ask. Thank and praise Him for being a God who does as He promises.
- Tell someone else what you've done. Other Christians and the church will rejoice with you and help you. The angels rejoice with you. God rejoices with you.

AS YOU PRAY

- Thank God for His love, concern, and power to save and deliver. Renounce the drugs, old friends, and hangouts connected with your drug problem. Yield yourself to Jesus. Thank Him for coming into your heart and filling you with the Holy Spirit. Take Him at His word and thank Him for delivering you from drugs.

DELIVERANCE PRAYER

Heavenly Father I come to you now in Jesus' name, to repent of all the sins in my life and also in the lives of my ancestors, that may have resulted in a curse. I repent of all disobedience, rebellion, mistreatment of others, lying, cheating, using or slandering your name in vain. I repent of all perversion, lust, incest, fornication, adultery, idolatry, all witchcraft, murder, and any occult involvement.

Heavenly Father, I ask for your forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus I now take the authority you have given me and ask that you anoint me now as I command all demonic spirits of anger, rage, fear, depression, destruction, torment, guilt, bondage, vagabond, rejection, unforgiveness, bitterness, mind-control, double-mindedness, confusion, passivity, sickness, diseases, pain, fetter and all addictions to food, alcohol, drugs, sex, pornography, gambling, or nicotine to come out in the name of Jesus.

No demonic spirit is welcome in this holy temple!

I break all spoken curse and spells that may have been performed over my life and any curses resulting from involvement with Ouija board, Psychics, tarot cards, Horoscopes, secular music, or through TV, movies or pornography.

I break all curses off my family, marriage, children and relatives. I break every shackle, chain, cord, habit, craving, debt, soul-ties and any spirit that has tried to rob, kill, or destroy my life.

I command my family to be set free. I break every demonic assignment over my family. Satan, loose them now! In Jesus' name! According to Galatians 3:13, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I am now God's child and through my Lord Jesus, I am able to cast down all demonic powers and spirits that come against me or in my family's lives.

I am not cursed, but blessed! I am blessed coming in and blessed going out. I am above and not beneath. I am the head and not the tail. I am blessed and what God has blessed cannot be cursed. I am free, and I am saved. I have now exercised my faith and know that confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9,10). All of my sins have been remitted, and I am loosed from the curse that came as a result of disobedience and rebellion to the Word of God.

Thank you Heavenly Father, thank you Lord Jesus, thank you Holy Spirit for forgiving me and loving me. Thank you for setting me free from every curse and spirit that has operated in my life. Father God, I pray for discernment and for a new vision to help me recognize and resist all evil and all fleshly, worldly ways. I am anointed through the Lord Jesus Christ, and I thank you Jesus for your guidance and discipline as I continue to be a victorious soldier and holy child. AMEN.

MORE SCRIPTURES

Lives are filled with various forms of temptations. It's our forgiving God's words where people can find the encouragement and strength to overcome these cravings. These Bible verses provide inspiration to overcoming the power of addiction with the faith and spirit of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:13-14

13 *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 14* *Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.*

1 John 2:16

16 *For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

1 Corinthians 15:33

33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*

James 4:7

7 *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Corinthians 6:12

12 *"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.*

1 Peter 5:10

10 *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Psalms 50:15

15 *and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."*

Romans 5:3-5

3 *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4* *perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5* *And hope does not put us to shame,*

because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men **10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Titus 2:12

***12** It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,*

James 1:2-3

***2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

Hebrews 4:15-16

***15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

John 3:16-17

***16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

Philippians 4:13

***13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

Psalms 95:8

***8** "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,*

Matthew 6:13

***13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*

Matthew 26:41

***41** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*



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