

Study Guide

For the Week of May 17, 2009

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday—This week we'll look at passages in Scripture that relate to addiction. While addiction is only mentioned once in scripture, the Bible has a lot to say about the issues surrounding it. *Memorization passage for this week. "Those who conceal their sins do not prosper, but those who confess and renounce them find mercy" (Proverbs 28:13, TNIV).* How might this passage apply to addiction and recovery? Memorize this passage and put it in your spiritual toolbox.

Tuesday—*Read Romans 6:12-14 in the New Testament.* This passage talks about sin, but how might the advice in this steer us clear of addiction, especially temptation? *Read Matthew 6:24 in the New Testament.* Jesus is talking specifically about money here, but his point about serving two masters clearly relates to our pursuit of pleasure that can lead to addiction. What things pressure you to become your master?

Wednesday—There is clearly a spiritual side to addiction and recovery. Today's passage talk about the devil and his influence. *Read John 10:10 in the New Testament.* How might addiction be called a thief? What does it steal, kill, destroy? What does Jesus bring instead? *Read James 4:7 in the New Testament.* What does it look like to resist the devil? How can you put that into practice in the face of temptation? What power is evidenced in this passage? How do today's readings relate to addiction?

Thursday—*Read Ephesians 6:11-18 in the New Testament.* Protecting ourselves against the attacks of temptation is very important. What pieces of armor do you put on regularly? Which pieces of armor would you say you lack? How does this relate to addiction?

Friday—*Read Matthew 11:28-29 and Philippians 4:13 in the New Testament.* Reread these two passages again and again. Visualize them being lived out. How can these two passages give power to you or someone you know who is facing addiction or temptation?

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

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Military:

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Shirley Wheatley

Chris Geer

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Alex Soriano

Chris James

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