Who Is Your Master?
Issue of Substance Abuse.
YOU CAN'T SERVE 2 MASTERS!
For the Christian – Jesus Is Lord.
Cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2, 9; 2 Peter 3:18
Discipleship
Luke 14:26-33

We Must Crucify the Flesh.
Galatians 5:24 (19-21)
Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)

Galatians 5:16-18
Battle Between Flesh & Spirit
(cf. Romans 7:14-8:11)

Devil Has Been At This Game A Long Time. (Ephesians 2:1-3)
The Area of Conflict In This Lesson: Addictive Issues.

1. Alcohol
2. Tobacco
3. Other Drugs

In Many Ways They Stand or Fall Together.
“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.” 1 Cor. 6:12

Self-control

“Like a city that is broken into and without walls Is a man who has no control over his spirit” Proverbs 25:28

THE NEED TO OVERCOME.
1 CORINTHIANS 6:12
The **Biggest** Issues and Motives Aren’t Health, Money...

**But Rather**

That These Issues Are Sinful, Against God, His Will and Holiness.
Fruits Argument
Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs

• Matthew 7:15-23 “Know them by their fruits”
• Galatians 6:7-8 Sowing & Reaping
• 1 Peter 2:11 “abstain from fleshly lusts that wage war against the soul”
• 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 ) Abstain... (middle voice – you keep yourself from)

BE SOBER
1 PETER 5:8; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:8
There Are Consequences…

- Addiction
- Health
- Fatalities
- Ruined lives
- Others Effected
- Finances Destroyed

Souls Lost
One big problem with alcohol consumption (and other drugs, etc.) is... denial of the problem.
Drunkenness, Carousals, Drinking Parties (1 Peter 4:2-3)

- **Drunkenness:** (σινοφλυγια) \{excess of wine-KJV\} “is compound of (σινος) and (φλυω) to bubble up, overflow, drunkenness” Thayer, 442

- **Carousals:** (κωµος) “of feasts and drinking-parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry.” Thayer, 367

- **Drinking Parties:** (ποτος) “a drinking, a carousing” Thayer, 533 “the drinking bout, the banquet, the symposium, not of necessity excessive...but giving opportunity of excess.” Trench, 225
Proverbs 20:1

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.” (lit. errs)
Proverbs 23:29-35
Alcohol Is Associated with...

Gluttony (23:20)
Poverty (21)
Personal Pain & Impersonal Strife (29)
Distorted Senses and Thinking (33)
Self Destruction (34)
Personal Abuse (35)
Addiction (35)
Poor Leadership (31:4)
Perverted Justice (31:5)

No wonder Solomon Concludes (20:1)
"Whoever is led astray by it is not wise." NKJV
The Bible has nothing directly to say about tobacco but plenty of general teaching.

**Tobacco**

**Titus 2:12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

**Romans 14:20** Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.

**1 Corinthians 10:32** Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

**2 Corinthians 6:3** giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited,
19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Smoker’s verses Non-Smoker’s Lungs

CONSIDER STATS
(22) “...I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23
If a person smoked one pack of cigarettes per day (@8.00 per pack) for twenty years, the financial cost of the cigarettes alone (at 3% interest had it been saved) is $78,461.

If a person smoked two packs of cigarettes per day (@8.00 per pack) for forty years, the financial cost of the cigarettes alone (at 3% interest had it been saved) is $440,343.

Today cost average $4.50-$5.00 / pack.
“The Bible does not directly address any form of illicit drug use. There are no express prohibitions against cocaine, heroin, ecstasy (MDMA), or methamphetamines (Meth). There is no mention of marijuana, cannabis, peyote, magic mushrooms, or acid (LSD). Nothing is said about huffing, sniffing, dropping, smoking, shooting, licking, or any other method of ingestion. This is not to say, however, that recreational drug use is permissible. On the contrary, there are several very clear biblical principles that place drug use well outside the realm of acceptable behavior.”

THE SAME PRINCIPLES WE’VE SEEN APPLY.
Other Drugs

Not much directly stated about the use of other drugs. They stand or fall mostly on the same basis of alcohol (a drug). Consider Romans 13:1-7

Consider the works of the flesh...
Galatians 5:21 “and things like these” and verse 20 “sorcery” (pharmacia)

Physical and Psychological Addiction
Methamphetamine Meth

Montana Meth Project

YOU’LL NEVER WORRY ABOUT LIPSTICK ON YOUR TEETH AGAIN.

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ACTUALLY, DOING METH WON'T MAKE IT EASIER TO HOOK UP.

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Overcoming: Hope A Critical Issue.

- Conviction of personal situation. "That Is Me"
- Conviction to do the will of God.
- Confidence that God will draw near and help if I will draw near to Him.
- Self-control.
- Support. (No one can do it for you.)

THE NEED TO OVERCOME.
1 CORINTHIANS 6:12
“It Is Not How Many Times We Fall Down But How Many Times We Get Up That Ultimately Matters”

J.C. Hutchison

1 John 1:7, 9
Cf. Corinthians
Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.
The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, beauty, honesty, purity, intelligence, and faith.

Which wolf wins? The one you feed.

The grandson thought for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"
The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."
Jesus Must Be The Lord of My Life!

The Lord is casting His vote for you and the Devil against you. You cast the decisive vote.

What will you do?

You Can Do It with His Help!