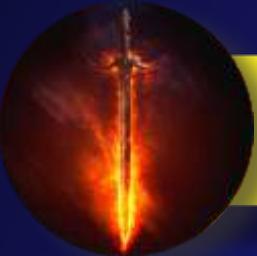


*Overcoming*  
**ADDICTION**  
& FALSE  
COMFORT  
Part One



# ADDICTION & FALSE COMFORT

# ADDICTION = IDOLATRY

**DEFINITION....**

*a state of physical or psychological dependence on a behavior or substance, especially compulsive dependence, to the extent that such dependence leads to societal or personal harm*

**Question:** "What is the definition of idolatry?"

**Answer:** The definition of idolatry, according to Webster, is "the worship of idols or excessive devotion to, or reverence for some person or thing." An idol is anything that replaces the one, true God. The most prevalent form of idolatry in Bible times was the worship of images that were thought to embody the various pagan deities.



# 1 Corinthians 10 verses 18-22

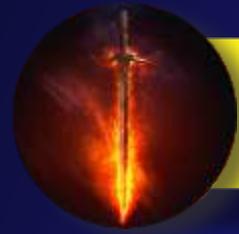
**18** Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

**19** What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

**20** Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

**21** You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

**22** Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?



# 1 Corinthians 6 v12-20

**12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.**

**13 Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.**

**14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.**

**15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!**

**16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."**

**17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**

**18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.**

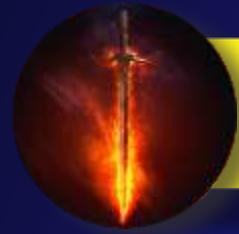
**19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?**

**20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**



LYING VANITIES...  
IDEALS OF TACED,  
INTELLIGENT AMBITION,  
INDIVIDUAL SELF & WILL,  
RESOURCES, MONEY, CAREER





# Do Not Love the World

## 1 John 2

**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

**17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



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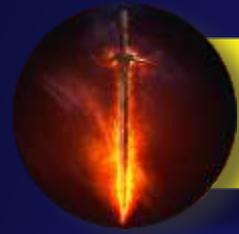
BLASPHEMY

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# ADDICTION & FALSE COMFORT

## IMPULSE

**a sudden strong and unreflective urge or desire to act.**

## HABIT

**a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up.**

## OBSESSION

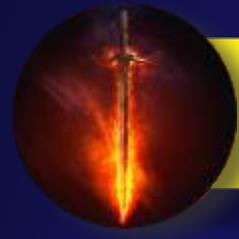
**the state of being obsessed with someone or something.**

**an idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's**

## FALSE COMFORT

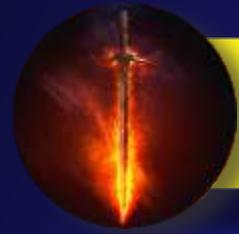
**to FALSELY give strength and hope to :**

**False easing or alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress:**



# Genesis 3

**6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

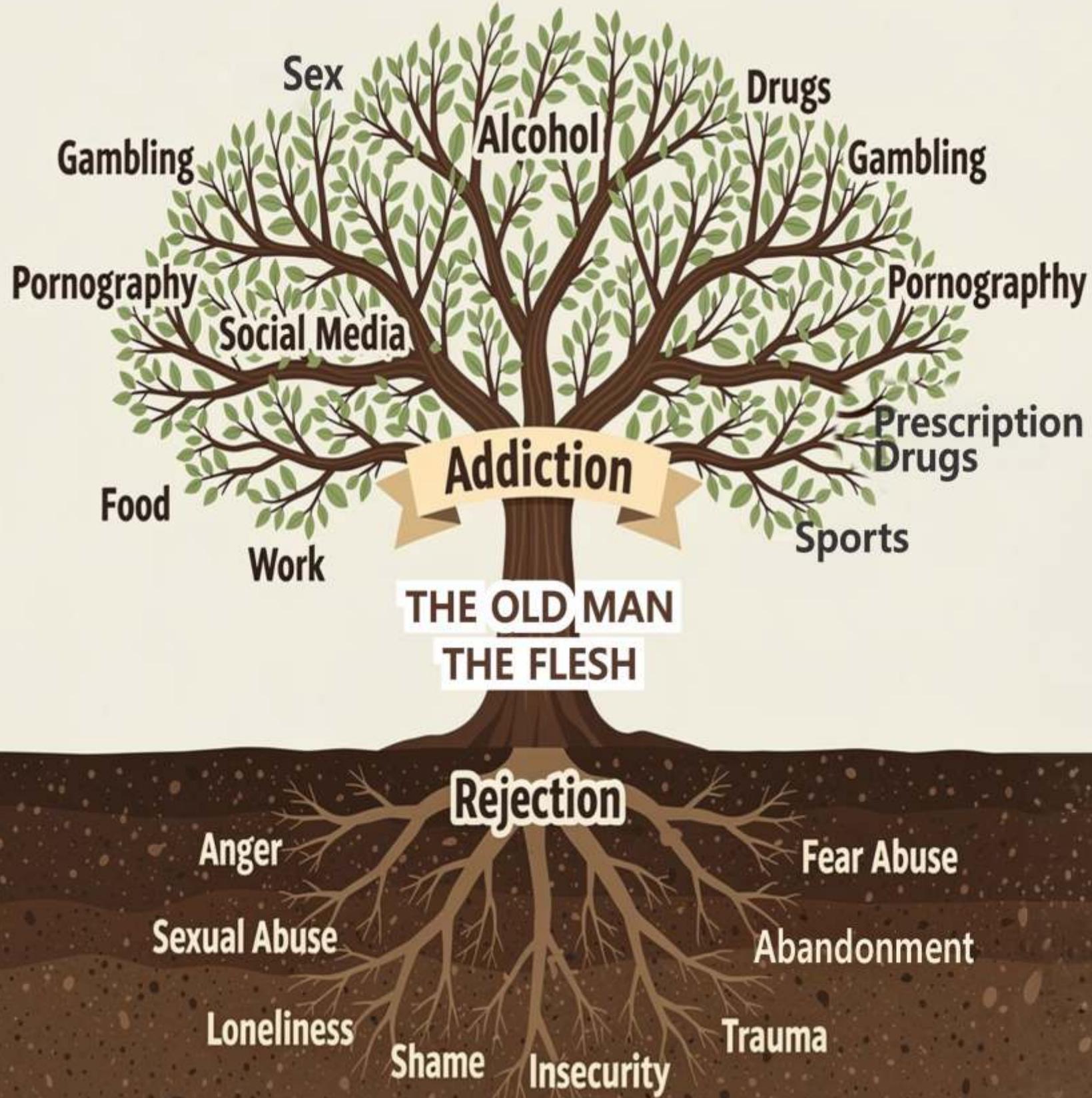


# The Keys to the Kingdom = Binding & Loosing

## Matthew 16:19

**18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**19** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”



# ADDICTION'S FRUIT TREE



# ADDICTION & FALSE COMFORTS ROOTS

## ADDICTIONS ROOT

In the book of Genesis Adam & Eve, before they had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil Adam & Eve had all their needs provided for. They were in perfect relationship with God.

After they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good & evil their eyes were opened and they saw their nakedness for the first time and were afraid and uncomfortable!

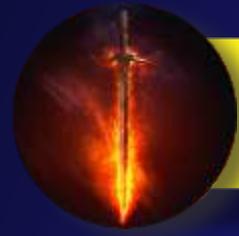
Before this point they had no concept of sin. They were abiding in God's perfect protection and oneness in love through the Holy Spirit, they were free indeed.

After they sinned they had become independent from God and under sin's (satan's) dominion.

### Romans 5:12-21 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all people [no one being able to stop it or escape its power], because they all sinned. **13** Sin was [committed] in the world before the Law [was given], but sin is not charged [against anyone] when there is no law [against it]. **14** Yet death ruled [over mankind] from Adam to Moses [the Lawgiver], even over those who had not sinned as Adam did. Adam is a type of Him (Christ) who was to come [but in reverse—Adam brought destruction, Christ brought salvation].





## 2 Corinthians 7 verse 1

**Scriptural proof in the new testament, after being born again, that deliverance is for Born again believers**

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### **Verse 1**

**Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh AND SPIRIT, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

# *The Sea of Forgetfulness*



*He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. – Micah 7:19*

—1 Corinthians 2:1-5—

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom.

But in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power.

That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.





*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through Him who loved us.*

For I am persuaded that neither

**DEATH** *nor* **LIFE,**

*nor* **ANGELS** *nor* **PRINCIPALITIES** *nor* **POWERS,**

*nor* **THINGS PRESENT** *nor* **THINGS TO COME,**

*nor* **HEIGHT** *nor* **DEPTH,**

*nor* **ANY OTHER CREATED THING,**

*shall be able to separate us from the*

**LOVE OF GOD**

*— which is in —*

**CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.**

*— Romans 8:37-39 —*

**Romans 6: 21**

**21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed?**

**For the end of those things is death.**

## **Galatians 5**

**18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**

**20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

**21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## **Galatians 5**

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

**23** gentleness, SELF-CONTROL. Against such there is no law.

**24** AND THOSE WHO ARE CHRIST'S HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.

**25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.