

*“And now I will show you The Most Excellent Way” . . . LOVE!*

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1.

**DON'T ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF ADDICT/ALCOHOLIC**

*“The soul who sins shall die.  
The son shall not bear the guilt of the father,  
nor the father bear the guilt of the son.  
The righteousness of the righteous shall be  
upon himself, and the wickedness of the  
wicked shall be upon himself.”*  
EZEKIEL 18:20 NKJV

2.

**DON'T COVER-UP FOR THE ADDICT OR ALCOHOLIC.**

*“In, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things  
grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.”*  
EPHESIANS 4:15 NIV

*“Therefore, putting away lying,  
'Let each one of you speak truth with his  
neighbor,' for we are members of one another.”*  
EPHESIANS 4:25 NKJV

3.

**DON'T GOSSIP ABOUT HIM OR HER**

*“A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth  
calls for blows. A fool's mouth is his destruction,  
and his lips are the snare of his soul.  
The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,  
And they go down into the inmost body.”*  
PROVERBS 18:6-8 NKJV

4.

**DO SEEK ADVICE AND HELP.**

*“Where there is no counsel, the people fall;  
but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”*  
PROVERBS 11:14 NKJV

*“Now I myself am confident concerning you,  
my brethren, that you also are full of goodness,  
filled with all knowledge,  
able also to admonish one another.”*  
ROMANS 15:14 NIV

5.

**DO WORK ON YOUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS — DON'T RELY ON YOUR FEELINGS**

*“If you do well, will you not be accepted?  
And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.  
And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”*  
GENESIS 4:7 NKJV

6.

**DO BE “LIGHT AND SALT” BEFORE THE CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT PERSON.**

*Jesus said:  
“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt  
loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?  
It is then good for nothing but to be thrown  
out and trampled underfoot by men.  
You are the light of the world.  
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.  
Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a  
basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives  
light to all who are in the house.  
Let your light so shine before men, that  
they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.”*  
MATTHEW 5:13-16 NKJV

7.

**DON'T RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL.**

*“Finally, all of you be of one mind,  
having compassion for one another;  
love as brothers,  
be tenderhearted, be courteous;  
not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling,  
but on the contrary blessing,  
knowing that you were called to this,  
that you may inherit a blessing.”*  
1 PETER 3:8-9 NKJV

8.

**DO MAINTAIN YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER**

*“Blessed is the man who walks not  
in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stands in the path of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and in His law he meditates day and night.  
He shall be like a tree  
planted by the rivers of water,  
that brings forth its fruit in its season,  
whose leaf also shall not wither;  
and whatever he does shall prosper.”*  
PSALM 1:1-3 NKJV

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
in everything give thanks; for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 NKJV

9.

**DON'T WORRY.**

*“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will worry about its own things.  
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”*  
MATTHEW 6:34 NKJV

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything  
by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God;  
and the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts  
and minds through Christ Jesus.”*  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NKJV

10.

**DO ESTABLISH PROPER PRIORITIES FOR YOUR OWN LIFE.**

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for tomorrow will worry about its own things.  
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”*  
MATTHEW 6:34 NKJV

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11.

**DO USE RESOURCES OF CHURCH AND  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.**

*"... that we should no longer be children,  
tossed to and fro and carried about with  
every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men,  
in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,  
but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up  
in all things into Him who is the head—Christ  
—from whom the whole body, joined and knit  
together by what every joint supplies,  
according to the effective working by which  
every part does its share, causes growth of  
the body for the edifying of itself in love.*  
EPHESIANS 4:14-16 NKJV

12.

**DON'T IGNORE THE ADDICT  
OR ALCOHOLIC.**

*"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass,  
you who are spiritual restore such a one  
in a spirit of gentleness, considering  
yourself lest you also be tempted.  
Bear one another's burdens, and  
so fulfill the law of Christ.  
For if anyone thinks himself to be something,  
when he is nothing, he deceives himself.  
But let each one examine his own work,  
and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone,  
and not in another.  
For each one shall bear his own load."*  
GALATIANS 6:1-5 NKJV

13.

**DO EXAMINE YOUR OWN WALK OF  
OBEDIENCE BEFORE THE LORD.**

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me, and know my anxieties;  
and see if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*  
PSALMS 139:23-24 NKJV

**Biblical Principles for Families & Friends  
of Addicts & Alcoholics**

Among our friends, family and acquaintances, we know someone who is enslaved to drugs and alcohol. As believers, we have the unique opportunity to help reconcile this person to the Lord (if an unbeliever), or help restore him to a life of peace, joy and righteousness (if a believer). Just as important, we have the opportunity to enjoy an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father as we look to Him for the strength and wisdom to do what is right in His eyes.

*"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge  
thus: that if One died for all, then all died;  
and He died for all, that those who live  
should live no longer for themselves,  
but for Him who died for them and rose again.  
Therefore, from now on, we regard no  
one according to the flesh.*

*Even though we have known Christ according  
to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
old things have passed away;*

*behold, all things have become new.  
Now all things are of God, who has reconciled  
us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has  
given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is,  
that God was in Christ reconciling  
the world to Himself, not imputing their  
trespasses to them, and has committed  
to us the word of reconciliation.*

*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
as though God were pleading through us:  
we implore you on Christ's behalf,  
be reconciled to God.  
II CORINTHIANS 5:14-20 NKJV*

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