

## SPIRITUAL ADDICTION

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An addiction is a craving or desire inside a person that is uncontrollable. It is something more than a habit. It is a feeling that is so strong, that if the desire is not met, painful withdrawal symptoms will occur.

There are a lot of people in our world who are addicted to a lot of different things. Nicotine, alcohol, drugs, music, sports, and many other things but that's not what I want to focus on today. My focus is on spiritual addiction.

1 Cor 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

Here we find people addicted to the ministry of the saints. People who spend their lives in service to other Christians. The Bible teaches us that we should be more concerned about the needs of others than we are about our own needs. Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. God wants us to be addicted to giving. Not being stingy but being generous in our giving to Him and to others.

We should be addicted to prayer, just as Daniel was. Even we threatened with prison and death, Daniel refused to stop praying. He was addicted.

David was addicted to the house of God. He loved going to church. He loved being in the presence of Jehovah. He said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

He was also addicted to worship. He was addicted to praise. He went from a habit of three times a day to seven times a day to saying, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

We also need a spiritual addiction to the Word of the Lord. There is nothing that can take the place of preaching in our lives.

"God has chosen by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

I'm also an addict whenever it comes to the presence of God. I can't live without it. Tradition of men and religious formality will not do it for me. I have to be where the Spirit of God can be felt.

I don't want to be addicted to the things of this world, I want my addictions to be spiritual in nature.