

# ADDICTIONS

What Does God Have To Say?



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## Luke 8:14

**The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**

(NASB)

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- 3) Denial (2:35; Prov. 6:27-32)
- 4) Self-Centered (2:6,8,32)

B. Your Idol Will Never Produce (2:8, 13, 27; Eph. 5:18; Jn. 4:13-14)



## Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

## John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

## 2) The Solutions

A. Exodus 20:1-6

- 1) "You shall have no other gods before Me." (v.3)

B. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

- 1) "...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."



## 2) The Solutions

C. Matthew 6

- 1) V. 33 – Seek God & His Righteousness FIRST!
- 2) V. 19-21 – Be Honest About What Your Treasure.
- 3) V. 24 – Stop Rationalizing Your Priorities.



## 2) The Solutions

D. Galatians 3:27

*"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

- 1) Remember Whose Name You Wear.



## 3) The Command

A.1 Peter 5:8 "Be Sober"

➤ Defined (Merriam-Webster)

- Not Drunk
- marked by sedate or gravely or earnestly thoughtful character or demeanor
- marked by temperance, moderation, or seriousness



## 1 Peter 4:7

**"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."**

(ESV)

**"...therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer."**

(NASB)

**"...therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers."**

(NKJV)

## Psalm 42:1-2

**As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?**