



The Idol of Addiction

1. Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Addiction> and read the description of addiction.
2. List the characteristics of addiction as specified in the Wikipedia article

3. List the kinds of things one can become addicted to, according to the article.

4. Describe the difference between physical dependency and psychological dependency.

5. Note the section of the article which describes “Diverse Explanations.” No matter what the explanation, essentially addiction is an idol. It seeks to control the person and take the place of God in his/her life. Consider Romans 6:11-14 (NLT) *So you should consider yourselves dead to sin and able to live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus. [12] Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires. [13] Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. [14] Sin is no longer your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you to sin. Instead, you are free by God's grace.*

Discuss how this passage speaks to the treatment of an addiction.

6. As a family pray that God will protect each member from the idol of addiction. If a family member is struggling with an addiction, pray for their deliverance according to the Romans 6 passage. Pray the same for anyone else you know who has addiction as an idol.