

MY SECRET—2 ADDICTIONS

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13

*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God...*For sin shall not be your master...* Romans 6:12-14*

kurieuo (ko-ree-yoo'-o); to rule: have dominion over, be lord of.

ARE YOU MASTERED?

- Do your family and friends say you have a problem?
- Do you continue even though you're hurting people?
- Do you arrange your schedule around it?
- Can you go one week without it?
- Is it leading you to isolation?
- Are you trying to keep it a secret?

SATAN'S ADDICTION CYCLE OF DESTRUCTION

1. Your addiction becomes a part of your identity.
2. When you try to quit but fail, you feel increasingly hopeless.
3. Any threat to your addiction becomes a threat to you.
4. You lose friends, money, health, family—further wounding your struggling self esteem.
5. You ease the pain by getting your next fix.

SOME GOOD ADVICE

1) CAN THE EXCUSES.

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' Luke 14:18-20

(You) can do everything through him who gives (you) strength. Philippians 4:13

2) CUT THE TIES.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning...1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

3) **FILL THE VOID.**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:18

SOME GOD ADVICE

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses...For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:9-10