

How to Minister to the Addicted

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; - Isaiah 61:1

l.	Model of Addiction		
		, progressive, and fatal	
	characterized by loss of control.	 ., -	
	B. Cure: There is	for the addict, and the addict will eventually die from the	
	disease.	,	
	C. Treatment: In order to	the effects of the disease the addict must commit to the	
		s a set of,, and designed	
	to bring behavioral change, or "dead w		
II	Model of Addiction		
	A. Definition: The addict is just a "drunk	k", "bum", "crack-head", "junkie", or a	
	who to conti	inue	
	B. Cure: The addict must	to stop using. When they are finally ready to stop, all they	
	need to do is repent and exercise their will power to stop using.		
	C. Treatment: No formal plan; usually tl	he family and peers endeavor to change the behavior of the	
	addict through,,	,, or	
	resulting in a deeper shame-based iden	ntity and stronger addiction.	
III.	Model of Addiction		
		I (getting one's needs met	
apart	t from God), (how I deal with disappoints in life), and		
		get their needs met, or medicate the pain caused by unmet	
	ds and traumatic and rejecting experiences		
	B. Cure: The puts to death the p	person with the addictive behavior, resulting in a	
	with a who has the pov	wer to behave differently.	
		st must fully who they are in Christ, so their	
beha		, resulting is freedom to love and serve God and others.	



12 Aspects of the Ministry

(Support for the addict as they grow into active church members)

Making the decision to remain abstinent from addiction until death is a strong stand to take. It is not a one-time decision. It must be re-confirmed daily as a person goes out into the world and experiences pressure and temptation. (Luke 9:23) The emphasis is on the local church, which is God's support group to minister to addicted people.

1. A	Decision – Share the Gospel with them and how to get saved.		
2. The	- Encourage them to read and meditate on it.		
3. The	- Show them the importance of God's support group.		
4. The	- Encouragement and accountability is provided here.		
5. The	- Reading material and Biblical discipleship course.		
6. A	Group – A time to address struggles and bear each other's burdens.		
7. One-on One with a Challenge Mentoring and relationship building.			
8. Victorious Christian Living Promote freedom and victory over sin.			
9. Accountability	Accountability Make them accountable to leaders and others.		
10. In-Depth Support System – Measure their progress and reward their diligence.			
11Opportunities – Look for potential and get them to serve.			
12. Group Planned fellowship time to build friendships/relationships.			