

Miracles
Freedom Over Addiction
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Psalms 77:14 You are the God who works miracles; you showed your might among the nations.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

What demons do:

- ✓ Tempt us to sin.

2 Timothy 2:26 ...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

- ✓ Distract us from God's will.

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

- ✓ Inflict suffering.

Matt 17:15, 17-18 "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water... [Jesus said] "Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment."

Matthew 10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Romans 7:21-8:2 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those

who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

How to overcome an addiction?

1. Put God first in every area of my life.

Exodus 20:1-3 And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

- ✓ Give God the first of everything.

2. Say no to the flesh.

Romans 6:12-14 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.

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

- ✓ What I starve dies.

3. Go all in with Jesus.

Romans 12:2 (MSG) Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

- ✓ What I feed thrives.

Walk Away: Jesus is my deliverer.