




The antidote for addiction



For I am not ashamed of this
Good News about Christ. It is
the power of God at work,
saving everyone who believes--
the Jew first and also the
Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NLT)

Definition of addiction

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

(Romans 6:16 NLT).



Addiction usually requires intervention.

For I can do everything through
Christ, who gives me strength.

(Philippians 4:13 NLT)



What's our strategy to
break an addiction?

The Gospel changes lives

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

The Gospel has a purpose in our lives

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

The Gospel assures us that God is on our side.

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT)

The Gospel has power for our lives.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8 NLT)

Application

I will turn to the Gospel of Jesus for the power to fight addiction.

