

WELLNESS CHECK

DEMONS *of* ADDICTION

GROW GUIDE

Historical Context & Biblical Fact

In the New Testament passages where pharmakeia occurs, English translations normally render it sorcery because the contexts concern occult or magical practice.

Paul includes both pharmakeia and drunkenness in the works of the flesh.

Occult practices many times, historically and today, include drugs. Whether it's drugging children for the horrific abuse and rituals they are going to do to them, whether it's the people involved performing the practices that take the substances to enter into demonic portals, or whether it's false religions like Santeria that worship fake saints as gods and false idols to receive power and protection to deal drugs and do other illegal activities.

“Sorcery” = Pharmakeia

GREEK

φαρμακεία (**pharmakeia**)

Drugs, potions, poisoning, magic, sorcery, and occult practices

Scripture References:

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| ✠ Galatians 5:19-21 | ✠ 1 Corinthians 6:12 |
| ✠ Genesis 19:30-38 | ✠ Mark 2:1-17 |
| ✠ Proverbs 20:1 | ✠ Proverbs 23:29-30 |
| ✠ Revelation 9:21 | ✠ Judges 13-16 |
| ✠ Revelation 18:23 | ✠ Luke 15 |
| ✠ Romans 6:16 | |

Spiritual Warnings:

1. When you partake in drugs, you are opening your body, soul, and spirit to these drugs, which opens you up to witchcraft and the demonic.
2. Alcohol and drunkenness will lead you astray.
3. Your leadership in your home is powerful for your children; what they see you do becomes how they will live.

Are you addicted?

1. You think about it all the time, it speaks to you like a voice.
2. You get angry when someone tries to tell you to stop.
3. It gets between your relationships.
4. You lie, manipulate, steal, or do whatever it takes to get this substance with little to no conviction.
5. You put the blame on others and believe your own lies.
6. You do what you really do not want to do, but the demon of addiction drives you.
7. You see creepy things, hear voices, have demonic experiences, or nightmares. Even your family will experience these things because you have opened up the door to the demonic in your life and in your home.

Truth

1. It is not your thoughts, demons are speaking to you.
2. Loved ones are fighting for you, not against you.
3. The substance is the one controlling you, not the situation, friend, or family member.
4. They're right; you are bound.
5. You don't deserve freedom to sin; you deserve freedom from sin.
6. If you give up control and give God back control, He will deliver you.

Practical Advice (if you are addicted)

1. Don't push away loved ones or isolate yourself.
2. Expose the lies you are hearing to your loved ones.
3. Daily Encounter - set an atmosphere where God's presence dwells so the enemy knows he is not welcome.
4. Get rid of anything and everything that is not pleasing to the Lord.

Practical Advice (if you are walking with a loved one who is addicted)

1. You cannot want freedom for them more than they do; they have to want it.
2. Don't stop praying for them, this is the most powerful thing you can do.
3. The demons want you offended; do not stop loving them, forgiving them, and fighting for them.
4. Do not enable them; establish right and wrong with the truth of God.
5. Set healthy boundaries, this is still compassion.
6. Do not listen to demonic voices that try to manipulate you.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What did God teach you about the demons of addiction as you read through the scriptures in this guide?



2. Are you or people around you struggling with addiction?



3. What is one practical step you will take this week to either overcome addiction or walk with a loved one who is struggling?



Prayer of Reformation

Lord, I ask for You to reform any crooked ways within me. I seek Heaven's blueprint and ask for Your heart and Your mind in all things. I pray less of me and more of You!

I want what You want. Show me what pleases You. Let Your will be done! If I perish, I perish, but I will make straight the way of the Lord. Lord, You are holy, make me holy!

I pray for revival and reformation in my family, city, state, America, and the nations!

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

“Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil”



PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!

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