

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1200: Could an Addiction Block My Christian Growth?

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1. What is *addiction*? What is being *compulsive*? What arenas in our lives could be affected by addiction or compulsive behavior? Do you see any of these behaviors in your life? If so, what is feeding these destructive behaviors?
2. What was the first step the Israelites took towards following, “a new master of darkness and deception”? Have you ever taken this step? What do we do if we are tempted to ignore righteousness when hiding behind our compulsions? Whom should we turn to? (See Jeremiah 2:4-6, 1 Peter 5:5)
3. What was the second step the Israelites took in replacing God in their lives? Why did they do this? How did Solomon pollute his relationship with God? What are some of the compulsive behaviors that can become addictions in your life? What should we do when we are tempted to replace God with these things in our lives? (See Jeremiah 2:7-9, 1 Kings 1:18, 11:3-9, 1 Peter 5:6-7)
4. What was the third step the Israelites took towards this “pit of despair”? Were these new masters anything of substance? Who were the Israelites worshipping? How did what they were worshipping differ from God? (See Jeremiah 2:10-12)
5. How did Merrily’s path differ at this point from Israel’s? What was an early sign of recovery in Merrily’s behavior? How did the Apostle Paul show accountability both towards his past and his present? How should we react when we find ourselves wholly given over to compulsion and addiction? (See Acts 26:10-13,19, 1 Peter 5:8-9)
6. How do we continue on the “courageous journey out of self-centered preoccupation toward genuine care for others?” What incredible gift do we gain when we return to God? What are “little happys”? Why are they important? (See 1 Timothy 6:6-9)
7. What was the fourth step the Israelites took when they forsook their source of growth and life? How do we fight through the despair of relapses and weak moments? What **MUST** we do when we have fallen again? (See Jeremiah 2:13, Philippians 4:4-9)
8. What do we do when we find that all our running and hiding from God brings us to a muddy pit of desperation and grief? What are the three “R’s” we must keep in mind? What addictive behaviors or tendencies do you have and what have you done to correct them? What help is there through God and through professional guidance? (See 1 Peter 5:10-11)