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## MINISTERING TO WOMEN IN ADDICTION: THE EPIDEMIC WITHIN THE PANDEMIC CASEY WEYMOUTH

EXPLORE WAYS YOU CAN MINISTER TO WOMEN AND FAMILIES BATTLING ADDICTION AND  
FIND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THEIR SUCCESS IN THE RECOVERY PROCESS.

### 1. RECOGNIZING THAT ADDICTION IS A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM.

God calls addiction two names in the Bible:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the general term used to define a person or thing TOO  
much loved, admired, or honored  
\*the addicts serves the god of self\*  
SELF-GRATIFICATION over God pleasing
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is specific term used to describe the sin of substance abuse. (Galatians 5:20)

In order to overcome sin, the requirement is simple:

- » \_\_\_\_\_
- » \_\_\_\_\_
- » \_\_\_\_\_

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*We have all sinned & fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*

- » Recognizes their addiction is a sin problem.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

- » Confesses and repents of their sin problem.

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10.9-10)*

- » Confession and belief in Christ

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)*

- » We have to CHOOSE everyday to live a sacrificial life....  
denying the flesh and its lusts and picking up our cross to follow Christ!

## 2. SETTING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES FOR YOURSELF, FOR THE PERSON BATTLING ADDICTION, FOR THEIR FAMILY, AND FOR THE CHURCH.

This is a hard balance between **GRIT** & \_\_\_\_\_.

**BOLDNESS** & \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUTH** & \_\_\_\_\_

**BOUNDARIES** & \_\_\_\_\_

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### Ask the hard questions:

1. Are they willing to do whatever GOD requires to overcome this addiction?

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones. (Proverbs 3:5-8)*

If the answer is NOT an emphatic YES...they're NOT ready!

**STOP, STEP BACK,** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you doing more work to keep them clean than they are?

If the answer is YES, you're enabling!

**STOP! STEP BACK!** \_\_\_\_\_

Enabler—generally describes someone whose behavior allows a loved one to continue self-destructive patterns of behavior. (Intentionally or Unintentionally)

### 3. BE PREPARED—HAVE A LIST OF REPUTABLE FAITH BASED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING HELP!

Remember that with addiction, there are a host of other sins that stem from it...sin begets more sin.

#### Resources should include state and local:

- » Faith based recovery programs
- » Medical detoxification facilities
- » Transitional housing
- » Celebrate Recovery programs
- » A list of individuals within your church that may be in recovery and willing to mentor
- » Domestic Violence Shelters
- » Homeless Shelters
- » Feeding programs
- » Social Services
- » Christian Counselors, marriage & family counseling
- » Medical Assistance
- » Community food banks

**Don't give up hope! There are NO lost causes with Christ! Keep sharing the gospel!**

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