

## “The Bondage Breaker: How to Win (and Help Your Friends Win) the Battle of Addiction”

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### □ One Story

- The American Society for Addiction Medicine: “Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.” (<http://www.asam.org/for-the-public/definition-of-addiction>)
- “The secret cause of the affliction that had made this man a fearful spectacle to his friends and a burden to himself was in his own life. He had been fascinated by the pleasures of sin, and had thought to make life a grand carnival. He did not dream of becoming a terror to the world and the reproach of his family. He thought his time could be spent in innocent folly. But once in the downward path, his feet rapidly descended. Intemperance and frivolity perverted the noble attributes of his nature, and Satan took \_\_\_\_\_ control of him.” (*Desire of Ages* 256)
- Mark 1:21-28

### □ Seven Truths

- #1—We are in a \_\_\_\_\_ between two invisible \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ephesians 6:12—“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers . . . the authorities . . . the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of evil in the heavenly realms.”
  - Neil Anderson: “There is no inner conflict which is not \_\_\_\_\_, because there is never a time when your mind, emotions, and will are not involved. Similarly, there is no problem that is not \_\_\_\_\_. There is no time when God is not present. . . . The Bible presents the unseen spiritual world just as real as the natural world we see with our eyes [2 Corinthians 4:18].” (*The Bondage Breaker* 21)
- #2—The primary weapon of Satan is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - John 8:44—“ . . . there is no truth in him. When he lies, [the devil] speaks his native language, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the father of lies.”
  - Duane McBride: “Cultural leveling, Dr. McBride explains, describes the tendency of a minority group to gradually conform or change to reflect the attitudes of the majority group.” (*Student Movement* 3-5-14 p 3)
  - If the devil can put your conscience to sleep, you will do under the influence what you wouldn't think of doing in your right and sober mind!
  - Duane McBride: “Responsible alcohol use? I'm not sure how much “responsible” there is. . . . The clarity and quality of our relationship with God depends on, essentially, sobriety and a mind that functions.” (Ibid)
  - The only defensible position for a Christian to take is \_\_\_\_\_ abstinence.
- #3—The primary weapon of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - John 8:32—“Then you will know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will set you free.”
  - John 8:36—“So if the \_\_\_\_\_ sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
- #4—The showdown at the \_\_\_\_\_ decided the \_\_\_\_\_ of the war.
  - Colossians 2:15—“Having disarmed the powers and authorities, [Christ] made a public \_\_\_\_\_ of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”
  - *The Great Controversy*: “In the Saviour's expiring cry, ‘It is finished,’ the death knell of Satan was rung. The great controversy which had been so long in progress was then \_\_\_\_\_, and the final eradication of evil was made certain.” (503)
  - Read Matthew 27:24-54—every day.
  - “Tell [Satan] of the blood of Jesus, that cleanses from all sin. You cannot save yourself from the tempter's power, but he trembles and \_\_\_\_\_ when the merits of that precious blood are urged.” (5T 317)
- #5—You must decide your \_\_\_\_\_.

- #6—To not decide is \_\_\_\_\_.
- #7—You must call on the B\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_.
- *Steps to Christ*: “As you see the enormity of sin, as you see yourself as you really are, do not give up to despair. It was sinners that Christ came to save. We have not to reconcile God to us, but—O wondrous love!—God in Christ is ‘reconciling the world unto Himself.’ 2 Corinthians 5:19. He is wooing by His tender love the hearts of His erring children. No earthly parent could be as patient with the faults and mistakes of his children, as is God with those He seeks to save. No one could plead more tenderly with the transgressor. No human lips ever poured out more tender entreaties to the wanderer than does He.” (35)

***“Free indeed!”***

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**"THE BONDAGE BREAKER"**

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Change in contact information

March 29, 2014

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**YOUR AGE GROUP:**

- Junior  High School
- Collegiate  20s
- 30s  40s
- 50s  60s
- 70s and up

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**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- I would like special prayer for my battle with addiction—I hope to be at the April 16 prayer event.
- I would like to read Neil Anderson's *The Bondage Breaker*—please send me details.
- I would like special prayer today—I will come forward at the end of the service.
- I choose Jesus as my Bondage Breaker.

**I'M INTERESTED IN:**

- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Information on baptism
- Information on church membership
- Becoming a GROW Group leader
- Receiving Bible studies

Comments, Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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