



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## C. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

*“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”  
(Romans 12:21)*

## D. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

*“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” (Matthew 10:22)*

*“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

*“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Romans 8:37)*

*“Neither give place to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:27)*

## CONCLUSION

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*“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)*

*“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

*<sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37-39)*

## Title: The Biblical Perspective on Substance Abuse

*“Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. <sup>20</sup> Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: <sup>21</sup> For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.*

*<sup>22</sup> Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. <sup>23</sup> Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. <sup>24</sup> The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. <sup>25</sup> Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. <sup>26</sup> My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. <sup>27</sup> For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. <sup>28</sup> She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. <sup>29</sup> Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? <sup>30</sup> They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. <sup>31</sup> Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. <sup>32</sup> At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. <sup>33</sup> Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. <sup>34</sup> Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.” (Proverbs 23:19-34)*

## INTRODUCTION

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## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Addiction

### A. \_\_\_\_\_

*“He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.” (Proverbs 29:21)*



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*"A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle." (Proverbs 18:19)*

D. \_\_\_\_\_

*"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:"  
(Philippians 2:14)*

*"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29)*

*"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good," (2 Timothy 3:1-3)*

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F. \_\_\_\_\_

*"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!" (Isaiah 5:11)*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Addiction

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

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)*

*"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mark 2:17)*

*"I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee." (Psalm 41:4)*

*"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37)*

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Addiction

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" (1 Peter 5:8)*

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)*

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)*

A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

*"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word."  
(Psalm 119:67)*

*"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."  
(1 Corinthians 15:33)*

*"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (Proverbs 1:10)*

*"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." (Romans 7:18)*

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."  
(James 4:7-8)*

*"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30)*

B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_

*"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."  
(Proverbs 16:18)*

*"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6)*

*"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."  
(John 12:43)*

*"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."  
(James 4:10)*