

- **WHAT'S MASTERED YOU?**_____

ARE YOU MASTERED?

SATAN'S CYCLE OF DESTRUCTION

- Your addiction becomes a part of your **identity**.
- When you try to quit but fail, you feel increasingly **hopeless**.
- Any threat to your addiction becomes a threat to **you**.
- You lose friends, money, health, family—further wounding your **struggling** self esteem.
- You ease the pain by getting your next **fix**.

Discussion Questions

- 1) Are you a slave to something besides Christ?
 - a) Name anything that has mastered you?
- 2) What tie(s) do you need to break?
- 3) How has God changed you in the past?
 - a) (Encourage others with a positive story?)
- 4) How will God work to change something in you today?

SOME GOOD ADVICE**1) CAN THE EXCUSES.**

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ~ Luke 14:18-20

(You) can do everything through him who gives (you) strength. ~ Phil. 4:13

2) CUT THE TIES.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning... ~ 1 Cor. 15:33-34

- **What tie(s) do you need to cut?**
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*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
~ James 4:7*

3) FILL THE VOID.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ~ Ephesians 5:18

SOME GOD ADVICE

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses...For when I am weak, then I am strong. ~ 2 Cor. 12:9-10