



ADDICTION

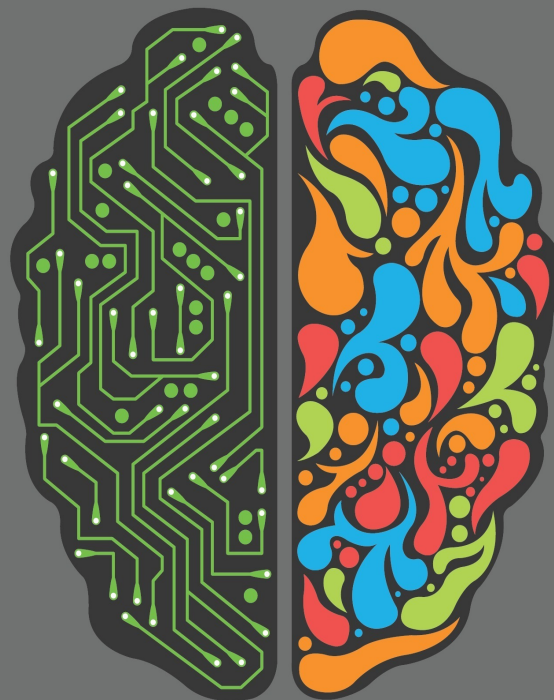
ATTITUDES AND CONSEQUENCES

**“LEGAL” DOES NOT
MEAN “RIGHT”**



“For by what a man is overcome,
by this he is enslaved.”

2 PETER 2:19



“ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL”



- 1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23-24 – “All things are lawful” means that the argument from legality is immaterial. Something legal might still lead to death (Romans 6:19-23).
- Do not justify an addiction just because it does not come with jail time.
- In addition, be careful not to dismiss your addiction because “it’s not as bad as...” In the end, addiction is addiction.

Marijuana!



HEY, AT LEAST IT'S NOT CRACK!

MY BEST?

- Does using a drug bring out the best in you? Does it help you manage stress and anxiety? Is gambling just a harmless game or pornography an innocent path to exploring your sexuality?
- The best version of you will never be found in addiction. The paranoia, fear, and physical malaise are never worth it. The net result is that you are still you and your problems still exist. Notice the contrast in Ephesians 2:1-10.



“IT’S SOMEONE ELSE’S FAULT”

GODLINESS AND CONTENTMENT



- 1 Timothy 6:6-9 – The desire for more, more, more always leads to “ruin and destruction.”
- The godly person, on the other hand, “learns” to be content (Philippians 4:11-13). Drugs offer a fast fix for the pleasure we are seeking. It comes with no effort but requires a tremendous price.



**Your next step might
just be twelve steps**