



“Dealing with Addiction”

Nehemiah 1: 11 *O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and **give success to your servant today**, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” Now I was cupbearer to the king.*

1. Situation - Supplication & Honesty

It is imperative that an addicted person to **recognize from where the victory will come**. It will not be due to all of his / her efforts, or the efforts friends, family or counsellor. **The source of success is God**, and it is to him that the addicted should supplicate. **Once you realize that God provides victory, this principle will become like second nature.**

Psalm 121:1-2-1-2 MSG - *I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? **No, my strength comes from GOD, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.***

Ephesians 6:18 - *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

2. What is Supplication?

- Supplication refers to a "**genuine request**," mainly in the context of prayer directed to God.

This attitude is reflected in Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple. *1 Kings 8:18* - *Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day.*

- There is no remission of sin without **pleading with the one who can forgive us;**
- **Be a proactive prayer warrior - The pleading (proactive prayer) should be part of our daily lives to make us resist temptation.** *Hebrews 5: 7 - In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, **with loud cries and tears**, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.*
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- *Php 4:6 in everything by prayer and supplication let your REQUEST*
- *1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, - **Because In supplication, there is a supply.***

3. What is Honesty?

- The genuine request must help an addicted person, to be honest.
 - **An addicted person must plead with God's mercy, favour or grace -** *Nehemiah 2: 2-3 Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"*
 - **The King asked Nehemiah why he looked so sad. No doubt Nehemiah did to want to tell him, but he took a bold step and opened up and got help because of it.**
 - **Being honest about our failures is a vital step toward restoration.** It often can be a scary step - it is never easy or comfortable to be completely vulnerable - but it will prove to be very rewarding.
 - **When are are honest, we give others the chance to help us.** *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you ay be healed" James 5:16*
- **To be Honest is to be right, honourable, good, admirable.** *We bring honour to God when we are honest with ourselves and with him.*
 - **You bring honour to God through honesty - Hebrews 13: 18 - Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act**
 - *Honourably in all things.*
 - **God honours you when you are honest with him and with others - Luke 19 - story of Zaccheus - Tax collectors were despised as traitors (working for the Roman Empire, not for their Jewish community), and as being corrupt - But was honoured by God because he decided to (honour) God by giving back what he took from people. (Honesty)**
 - **It is your duty to bring honour to God and this it's only through honesty -**

- **An honest and sincere heart bear fruit with patience** - *Luke 8:15 (KJV - As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.*
- **Be honest with God and the surroundings** - *2 Cor. 8:21- for we aim at what is honourable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man*
- **The honesty habit help an addicted to be decent** - *Romans 13:13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.*
- **Honesty must be paved with fresh conduct.** *1 Corinthians 14:40 - But all things should be done decently and in order*
- **New conduct helps an addict in his walk.** (people, programs, etc.) to help him or her be sober and vigilant. *1 Thessalonians 4:12 - so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one*