



God feels empty when you are unwilling to love life.

Celebrate God's craving your craving Him.

There is no fear in love;
but perfect love casts out fear,
because fear involves punishment,
and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

1 John 2:18 (NAS77)



To repeat...

There is no fear in God. Why? Because God is LOVE, complete love. When you humbly receive love, that trust in God Himself casts out the idea that God is ready to punish you for being alive. Fear involves the idea of a punishment yet to come, and any such idea of punishment HAS BEEN dealt with on the Cross of Christ. The person who caters to their fears believes a lie. That lie says, 'that God, who is LOVE itself, is too pathetic to save me, therefore I conclude I cannot be completed in love. There has to be something else I can do, get, or achieve.'

So then, an ADDICT, in the negative way, is a person trying to feel good about themselves by trying to justify what they do to feel bad about themselves.

The ADDICT, on the positive side, agrees with God that they are insufficient and God all sufficient.

Or understood another way, an ADDICT doesn't trust God as all sufficient and looks to themselves, others, methods, activities, and substances to fill the feeling of 'not being complete'.

No wonder, when doing so, they suffer letting thoughts and things fill their heart, and mind with activities other than trusting God.

To conclude, an ADDICT is one who does not want God on God terms but seeks to find peace by other means.

I know most of us have been taught that an ADDICT is one who abuses substances while the truth is we all abuse the author of life with our personalized efforts to fill the void we find in our hearts.

Then how do we escape this gnawing need to gain something we

feel we lack in order to appease the God who seemingly created us as insufficient? The answer is simple, we were created to be ADDICTed to God. We were created to need another to complete us.

That third Martini, love affair, job, car, degree, or whatever can never satisfy the need to feel complete, whole, substantial, prepared enough, and capable of doing life. This is because we were never created to do life. We were created to let LIFE do us. We were created ADDICTs to God but with the result of satisfaction, peace, and joy filling our every waking moment on this decaying earth while living in this decaying body.

If you are like me, right now, there is a voice screaming at the top of its lungs and from head to toe, saying in my head, "%^&& no! I won't go!"

How long will rebellion reign?

As long as we worship self effort. As long as we will not come to God on God's terms. As long as we will not let God do us.

You search the Scriptures,
because you think that in them you have eternal life;
and it is these that bear witness of Me;
and you are unwilling to come to Me,
that you may have life.

John 5:39-40, NAS77 (underlining mine)



From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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