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Drug Usage

Drug usage—in my opinion—is primarily due to an attitude of “more for me.” It may be for personal acceptance, of exploratory curiosity, due to a jaded attitude toward life, etc. Its result is evidence of God’s law of recompense, as stated in Galatians 6:7, 8. Unquestionably there are circumstances of life, which are highly contributory, as one seeks to combat difficulties without help, in one’s own strength. This may be true of one without spiritual help from Christ as Savior, as well as of one who is a believer but out of fellowship and communion with the Lord. What to do?

In all efforts of life, the will to do is the essence of step one. In my understanding, drugs sap the will, which leaves the sufferer virtually defenseless against demands of the abused body. Professional and lay helps are available, which endeavor to rehabilitate through group therapy and supervised living/working schedules. Efforts are made also, through supervised usage of combative medicines. Municipal and hospital authorities can refer to care centers, such as Gateway House, etc. Sadly, the efforts of natural man alone too often are not too effective.

Is there little hope? The Bible states that “with God all things are possible” (Mk 10:27), yet “without Him to help the sufferer can do nothing for good” (Jn 15:5). To one who trusts in believing faith, there is judicial forgiveness from the eternal penalty of sin. Those who believe can say, “He has made us accepted in the Beloved; In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph 1:7). And for sins in the Christian life, there is a remedy—(see Prv 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9). The Christian is told to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure” (Phil 2:12, 13). Reference is not to working for salvation from the judicial penalty of sin, but rather to working out salvation from the dominion of sin in the Christian life. As indicated in Romans 6:11-13, there must be a yielded attitude. This attitude involves heart recognition of two things —personal inadequacy vs. the greatness of God’s love and ability and desire to help His own. (Lord, I can’t but You can.) Then direction and help is supplied by Almighty God (Phil 2:13; Heb 4:16; Ps 37:5). Lay hold of Ps 37:5 from mind and heart. Ultimately the opposite condition (of that which sparks addiction) may be achieved in Him—“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” (Prv 10:22).