

The Danger of Dependency in Relationships

The majority of the human race wants to love and be loved by someone. We want to know that we are loved. We want to feel it, and we want others to see it. But, the average believer will seek out a relationship with a person before they attempt to have one with God. This rearrangement of order births disorder and sets many up to be victims of betrayal and even worse, victims of violence.

We have all heard of drug addictions, alcohol addictions and even gambling addictions. An addiction is simply a stronghold of the mind. It is when the mind says that one cannot operate or live without something or someone. And because they believe it, they receive it. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

One can become addicted to just about anything. There are people who, for example, are addicted to certain ritualistic acts. If they don't carry out this act, they won't function well. Most of us see these behaviors as taboo, but in reality, what has happened is the person is imprisoned in their own mind! Scientists refer to individuals who tend to form addictions easily as people with addictive personality disorder. Let's be real here. This isn't a disease. The real disorder is that they have not sought God first. Therefore, because we need Him, and we need Him first to operate, anyone who puts Him after something or someone will look for anything or anyone who can fill that void that was created by His absence. Let's think of a snail. Its shell is its protective covering. If you find the shell, and it's empty, that means there is no life in that shell. It is nothing more than an object waiting to be crushed. And if you find the snail without the shell, it is exposed and is in danger.

Christ is our protective covering; however, He cannot be crushed and there is always life in Him. However, when we go outside of the order of God; we are in the same leaving from the covering protection of the Word. And just as that snail has to begin to depend on logs, leaves and anything it can burrow itself under to try to stay alive; when someone comes from under the Christ Head, they burrow themselves under lusts, people, drugs, alcohol and so on.

Here's the case. Most people want to be married. Not just married, but happily married. And according to their understandings, all they have to do is to get dressed up and go somewhere. In their mind's eye, someone is supposed to come along and notice this beautiful woman or handsome man drenched in cologne. They'd pretend to be minding their own business (women), and he'd become so struck with awe that he'll come after the prize. Or, for men, they'd be in the right place, at the right time and here this beautiful woman comes along and guess what? She needs his help. Maybe her car won't start or she needs help reaching that box of Cheerios on the top shelf at the supermarket. Whatever the case, people set themselves up to find and be found, when in God, your true husband or true wife is hidden in Him and can only be found in obedience. Every season has a reason. And once you have given yourself to God and have forsaken all the lusts and crafty ways, He will reveal to you the mystery of your life.

Nevertheless, the average believer doesn't want to wait on Him. Nope. That takes too long. They want to be married, and they want to be married now! So, they flood the Internet with photos of themselves. Women buy tighter fitting clothes and try to be more seductive. Men buy bigger cars and bigger clothes and try to appear richer than they are. And it's on with the games. Now, this is the stage that is set for the trials and tests to enter and form a lesson.

Any person that is not found in God is located in sin. But, again, many believe that they can bring a sinner to church and a few services later, they should have turned into a believer. Satan gets a belly ache laughing at this because, in truth, anyone who is not submitted to God when you meet them is attracted to who they hope you are, because they don't know who you are. In many cases, you don't know who you are yet. You are now a tool to help them heal that voided area in their hearts. But, in relationships, many people tend to form an addicting bond with one another that often times ends in stalkings, assaults and even murder.

There are many women out there that believe that because a man is insecure about them, that this man loves them. It's not true. There are many men out there that believe that their girlfriends or their wives love them because this woman has told this man that if he were to ever leave her, she'd kill herself. It is not true. In truth, any and everyone outside of the will of God has voids. Extreme voids where they need fill-ins to occupy that space. And when we allow ourselves to get into a relationship with these individuals, we become that fill-in that they feel like they need to survive. Just as anyone who does drugs, abuses drugs, such is the character of a man or a woman who is void of God.

Review the many cases where a man has killed his wife or girlfriend because she tried to leave him or vice versa. In the majority of those cases, abuse and infidelity were in the picture. Let's say, for example's sake, that a woman has been abused by her husband for the last 12 years. She has lived in fear of him and is too afraid to leave him. In those 12 years, he has abused her physically and mentally. He says that he hates her. He says that she never listens to him. He says that she is of no value to him. And he goes out there and carries on affairs with other women. Looks like he shouldn't care that his wife wants out of the relationship, right? But, he does and when she tries to leave, he kills her. Did he love her to death? No. In most cases, he was addicted to the power that he had over her. This power is intoxicating, and it has been a power source of his for years. But, now, here she is wanting to take back the power over her life, and his mind goes into a tail-spin. When she leaves, he can't stop thinking about her. He can't function and doesn't want to eat; sometimes unable to keep food down. He is going through power withdrawal and just as a drug addict gets more violent as that withdrawal increases, so does a man or woman who cannot tap into the source of that power. God is not the Head of their lives. They are addicted to the smell of fear. Yes, they may say that they'll change, but if you are to go back, they'll only get more violent and more deadly.

This doesn't just happen in romantic relationships; this happens in friendships and families as well. One

friend may be addicted to controlling the other friend and when the victimized friend tries to opt out of the friendship, the other becomes obsessed with harming that person or destroying their name. Or, what about that parent who is so addicted to controlling their children that any and every one who enters that child's life (when they are adults) become the objects of their jealousy and rage? In such cases, the child has to distance him/herself from the controlling parent to lead a normal life or have their spouses subjected to that parent's abusive ways.

Your life is not your own. It belongs to God. In order for it to be whole, you have to seek the Kingdom of God and all its righteousness and trust God that He will do as He said in His Word and add everything else to you. Sure, you may think that you are ready for a relationship right now, and you may think that you are wise enough to see the signs of a crazed partner, but there are many that are dead and buried that would beg to differ. The answer to life's questions is simple. Don't just wait on God, wait in God.

And if you are in a relationship where your partner has taken control over you, it is time for you to pray down that stronghold. Dependency is relying on a person or a thing to accomplish one's own goals. You don't need them, and their need for you is rooted in the realm of the demonic. Just wait on God and stay in Him. You will have to pray and ask God to deliver them from that addiction to controlling you or ask Him to deliver you from that person in safety. Find a way out. God will open doors and provide a way of escape, if you only believe Him. Never ever get comfortable being someone's drug. Because their need for you is not rooted in love; it is rooted in their void.

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