“Addiction: Banquet in the Grave”
Proverbs 23:29-35

I. Disease or Choice?
A. Some people are pre-_________ to certain addictions.
B. Scripture clearly indicates that there is a c_________ involved, even an idolatry that comes from believing the l_________.

II. Prevention or Recovery (rehab)?
A. In the church we celebrate ______________.
B. We should also celebrate ______________ and the g_________ of w________.
C. Why people often start using addictive substances
   1. It is part of the social fabric and it is what the a_________ do.
   2. ______________

III. Purpose or Pleasure?
A. The draw to pleasure will dominate unless counteracted by ______________.
B. The primary place to find purpose is in ______________.

IV. Master or Master?
A. In addiction we become s_________ to something destructive.
B. By faith we become slaves to someone wonderful.
C. No one can serve ___________ masters.

**TODAY’S COMMITMENT:** JESUS IS MY MASTER TODAY, AND BY HIS GRACE AND MY DECISION, HE WILL BE SO TOMORROW.
Scripture References:

Proverbs 26:11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

Proverbs 23:29-35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who linger long over wine,
Those who go to taste mixed wine.
31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it goes down smoothly;
32 At the last it bites like a serpent
And stings like a viper.
33 Your eyes will see strange things
And your mind will utter perverse things.
34 And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.
35 “They struck me, but I did not become ill;
They beat me, but I did not know it.
When shall I awake?
I will seek another drink.”

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk with wine.

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

Jeremiah 2:13 For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me,
The fountain of living waters,
To hew for themselves cisterns,
Broken cisterns
That can hold no water.

Proverbs 22:3 The wise see danger ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going and get into trouble.

II Corinthians 5:14-15 The love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

I Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.