

When Help Hurts By Ronnie Crocker

We are so grateful for the kind hearts of the Beltline members who embrace the men in our program and show them the love of Christ. Project Rescue is so blessed to be a part of this loving congregation.

Addiction is a condition that involves a lot of game-playing and manipulation - the object of which is to get high. When this craving gets out of control, it becomes active addiction. Then we need to consider Paul's words to Timothy, ". . . a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Please consider the following suggestions when dealing with active addiction:

Remember, he is not evil, he is sick!

When he is in active addiction, please do not give him money or things he can exchange for money.

Please do not take him into your home. He will steal and destroy your home life.

Do not help him with housing, except for a recovery program or rescue mission.

When he comes to your home for a visit, please don't let him use a bathroom where medicine is stored. He will steal your medicine.

Please do not leave your purse or wallet where he can get to your credit cards. He will use your card for purchases and cash, and return it before you know it. Or, he will take a picture of your card and use it online or sell it to his drug dealer.

Please do not leave jewelry or small expensive items he can put in his pocket and pawn or trade for drugs.

Please do not let him use your smart phone or computer. He will buy things on your Amazon account and have them mailed to another address.

Do not co-sign for a vehicle or sell him a vehicle with weekly payments. He will trash the car or let a drug dealer use it in exchange for drugs.

Don't invest in his business ideas. Do not partner with him in business. He will embezzle the profits.

If he gets locked up, please do not bond him out unless he is going straight to a drug program.

Do not help him with his criminal charges unless he agrees to be court ordered to a drug program.

Paying him cash for cutting your grass or painting your house, etc. will hurt him. He will get drunk or high on that cash.

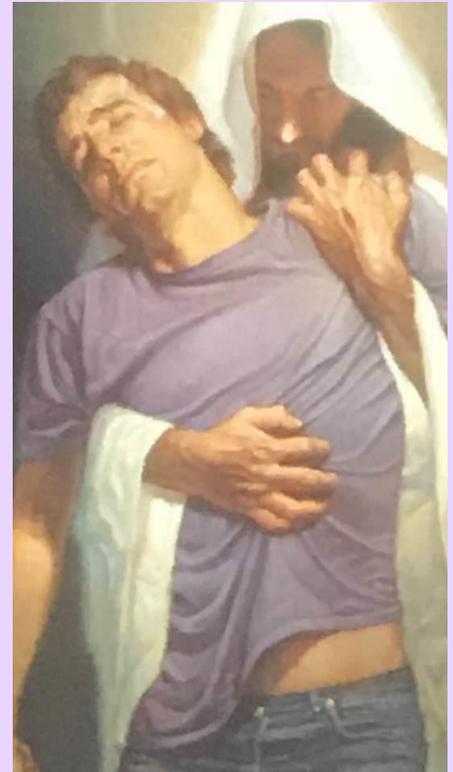
He will want you to rescue him from the consequences of his actions. Do not believe his stories about the abuses of his drug program.

Please don't fall for promises of doing better with your help. He needs professional help.

Remember, he is not evil, he is sick!

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-30



The men you see with us at worship services are struggling to recover. They want to leave the life of addiction behind. They have regular drug testing and are not in active addiction. They are in a spiritual environment filled with Bible study and intense counseling. They need your love and encouragement.

All of us struggle with temptations, but these guys are especially susceptible to falling back into their old way of life. Our goal is to see them all in Heaven. With all of us working together to lift them up, we can help them get back on that narrow way that leads to life. By using these suggestions, we hope they will not only protect you but will also help the men stay clean and grow strong in the Lord.

Please know you have our deepest love and appreciation for all your encouragement and kindness towards all of us at Project Rescue. We thank our God upon every remembrance of you.