

How Should We Handle People in Addiction and Recovery?

Galatians 6:1 (NKJV)

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

I.

In order to handle people in addiction and recovery correctly, we must first acknowledge that all of us have fallen short before.

Romans 3:23 (NLT) says, *“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”*

Even if we have fallen to a low place in our lives, it doesn’t mean we have to stay there.

Consider *Luke 15:11-32*

Believers are to offer people hope that even though their life currently may be a mess, God can give them a new life.

II.

To handle people in addiction and recovery correctly, Believers must help others work toward restoration.

Galatians 6:1b says, *“you who are spiritual **restore** such a one in a spirit of gentleness”*

Believers are to remind people that God’s restoration includes healing from past hurts.

Psalms 147:3 (GWT) says, *“He is the healer of the brokenhearted. He is the one who bandages their wounds.”*

Believers are to remind people that God’s restoration includes forgiveness of sins and a fresh start.

Isaiah 43:25 (NLT) says, *“I—yes, I alone will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.”*

III.

The way Believers handle people in addiction or recovery will determine if they come to God or stay away.

Believers must handle people the way we would want to be treated if we were in their situation.

Galatians 6:1c (NKJV) says, “*considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*”

Once a person is in full recovery, Believers must encourage them to strengthen others by telling their testimony.

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