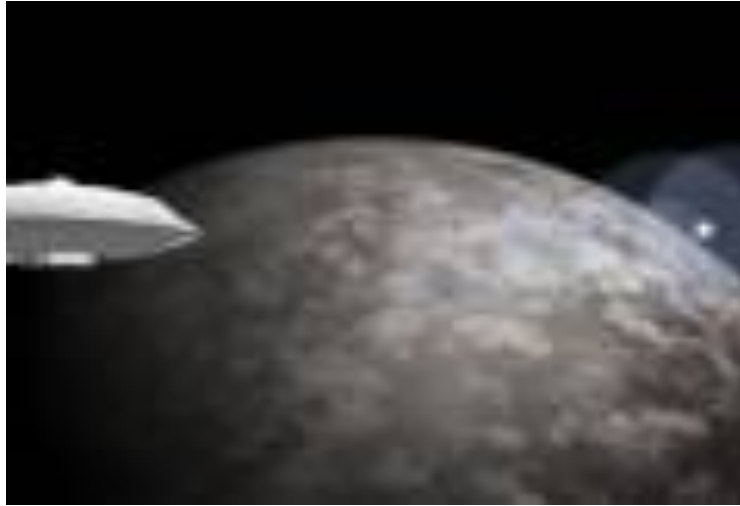


DRUG PROGRAM FOR THOSE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE LOST IN SPACE?



THE DANGERS AND DECEPTIONS OF DRUGS



Introduction

For some, the middle school years are the most frustrating of one's entire life at school (from grade school through high school). It is as if one is kind of "lost in space" as you are in a state of limbo because you are no longer in what is considered grade school, and you are not ready for high school. The middle school years are forming you for high school and beyond, but for many, these years can also be years of experimentation. According to NIDA those who use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs during the middle school years are more prone to become addicted. Therefore, I would like to define the following terms according to The American Heritage College Dictionary, third edition.

1. Addict: To devote or give (oneself) habitually or compulsively.
2. Addiction: The quality or condition of being addicted, esp. to a habit-forming substance.
3. Extreme: Being in or attaining the greatest or highest degree; very intense.

I have given a new term to a lot of addicts as I have classified them to a condition I call extreme addiction. That is a condition where the addict's total life revolves around his/her drug usage and nothing else matters. Even the home of an addict is not safe for the rest of the family.

How Are Drugs Made?

1. Most drugs come from pharmaceutical companies and are made in a controlled environment.
 - A. It is a very clean/sterile area
 - B. You know the certainty of the drug (its strength and what the drug is)
2. Some drugs are made in clandestine labs.
 - A. Most are not clean or sterile
 - B. Most do not know the potency (how strong) the drug is
 - C. Most labs do not care: they only want your money

Let's look at 2 verses of Scripture first.

1. 1 Peter 5:8a, "Be sober, be vigilant; because"
2. Galatians 6:8a "For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption....."

Common Drugs That You May Have Heard About

I. Marijuana

- A. Damages the body
 1. It is 5 times stronger for causing cancer in the body than cigarettes are
 2. Damages the brain
 3. May damage your genes
 4. It is illegal
 5. It is known as the gateway drug to lead a person to use worse drugs
 6. It is not accepted by the American Medical Association in any form. The AMA states "that additional research should be encouraged." DEA.gov. "The Dangers and Consequences of Marijuana Abuse."
- B. It is addictive and can make you a slave to it.

II. Cigarettes/Tobacco Products

- A. Damages the body.
 - 1. Affects your lungs, blood circulation and several organs in the body.
 - 2. Can affect body growth.
 - 3. The earlier the age at which you begin smoking, the less likely you will quit.
 - 4. If you put pure nicotine on the head of a pen, that would be enough to kill you.
- B. It is addictive and can make you a slave to it.

III. Alcohol

- A. Damages the body.
 - 1. Have you ever observed an alcoholic with the shakes/tremors?
 - 2. It can kill you. How much alcohol do you have to have in your bloodstream for it to be lethal?
- B. It is addictive and can make you a slave to it.

IV. Cocaine

- A. Damages the body.
 - 1. It can make your heart speed up so much that your heart blows up.
 - 2. It causes you to see things that are not there (in your body).
- B. It is addictive and can make you a slave to it.

V. Inhalants

- A. Damages the body
 - 1. Damages your CNS (Central Nervous System) and other organs, permanently
 - 2. Causes SDS (Sudden Death Syndrome), SSD (Sudden Sniffing Death)
- B. It is addictive and will make you a slave and probably end your life.

VI. Steroids

- A. Under a doctor's supervision steroids can be very beneficial.
- B. Those steroids obtained from other people may end up damaging your body for life and may cause a heart attack.

Bible verse before we go on:

- 1. Psalm 139:14a "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."
- 2. So how should you look at yourself?

Name Some Reasons A Person May Take Drugs

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

VII. Energy Drinks

- A. There is not a lot of research that has been done on energy drinks.
 - 1. Some energy drinks contain alcohol and these drinks can cause more severe problems.
 - 2. It is unknown if they are addictive.
- B. It damages the body
 - 1. Causes tremors, headaches, etc.
 - 2. Can cause chest pains, heart attacks and even death.

VIII. Synthetic Drugs

- A. Damages the body
 - 1. Loss of physical control (brain-body disconnect).
 - 2. Increase in blood pressure and heart beat that may result in death.
- B. Is highly addictive and may result in death

I have been advised by several doctors who work in emergency rooms that one of their greatest fears is having to examine someone who has gotten ill (possibly overdosed) on a synthetic drug. The doctors state that they know how to deal with a person on a specific drug, but they do not know how to treat a person who has taken a synthetic drug.

IX. The New Drug called “Crocodile/Krokidil”

- A. One dose and you will die within a two to three year time frame.
 - 1. The drug eats the flesh off of your bones, from the inside out.
 - 2. The drug makes your skin scaly.
- B. It is highly addictive and will result in your death.

I could mention many more drugs but all the drugs have consequences. The result in misuse, abuse or the use of illegal drugs will present the same effects that are already listed.

****The one thing that I will add is to inform you to never accept any kind of drink from anyone, other than your parents, unless the drink is sealed.**

******Never allow anyone to put a rub-on-tattoo on you, unless you purchased it from a legitimate store. Some tattoos are laced with a drug known as LSD. LSD can go through your skin and hurt you.**

My name is Chad Shaffer and I am a retired WV State Trooper. I have a small ministry to help those who have problems with drugs. I also help parents whose kids may have a drug problem. The ministry's website and phone number are on the back of this page. Please call me if I can ever be of assistance. Please call me or have your parents call me if you know or suspect someone of selling drugs. I will give that information to the Federal Drug Task Force and the Task Force knows that I gave them the information, but I will never give the Task Force your name.

Thank you for allowing me to come and tell you about the dangers of drugs.