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# DIVINE NEWS

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## THE WARRIOR WAY

A long time ago, a great Warrior faced an extremely difficult battle. He was about to lead his Braves into battle against a very powerful and cunning enemy who's men seriously outnumbered his own.

The Great Warrior loaded his Braves into their war canoes and they all paddled to the enemy territory. Once they had landed on the enemy shore, the Great Warrior gave the order to burn all the canoes that had carried them to battle.

He then said to his Braves, "You see your canoes going up in smoke? That means we cannot leave these shores alive unless we win, we have no option, we win or we perish!" **THEY WON.**

Every person who wins in any undertaking must be willing to burn his canoes and cut all sources of retreat. Only by doing so can one be sure of maintaining that state of mind known as "a burning desire to win," it is an essential step toward truly experiencing success.

Recovery from any kind of addiction is an extremely difficult battle. You become a Brave the moment you enter recovery; are you fearless enough to burn your canoe? If you do, you possess the ability to become a Warrior.

The greatest weakness of the Church has been our failing to set people free. We reach people who are addicted, but instead of helping to set them free, we simply transfer their addiction onto the church, the pastor, or some religious program. The result is a church full of hurting people who are not free.



There is a system in this world that has swept through government, education, family, and the church. It is the root of all addictions, the destroyer of all relationships and is consuming the world. It is called codependency.

Codependency tends to affect man at his area of deepest need, meaningful relationships. We give in to these tendencies thinking they will get us the secure, loving relationships that we desire only to find that we destroy them by the very methods we employ.

By employing the strategies of codependency, we not only hurt the ones we love, we draw out the very worst in their behavior.

A codependent lifestyle is a miserable fearful life.



From never feeling secure, to the need to always be in control, the extremes of codependency fuel the chaos and pain in our lives.

Codependency touches every human being alive. We will all, at one time or another, exhibit some codependent tendencies. Being aware of these tendencies and avoiding them will help us in our relations with others. Coming to understand the motivation behind those tendencies will help us to conquer the problems.

Coming out of codependency is not the changing of one belief or action; it is the changing of a life philosophy. Life is continual change. Our entire life's motives are changed, by the changing of our source! The real question is, who is our source and how do we connect with that source?

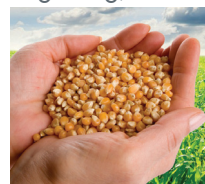
These are the types of issues we deal with on a constant basis and as such are committed to speaking real truth into the lives of hurting people. We have a job to do and know we cannot do it alone. We need help to work with those who have seemingly been scarred for life, those who have been caught in a never-ending cycle of destruction. There is never a shortage of work to do on our journey to make people whole.

We heard some shocking statistics recently that made us stand up and think. The Canadian research group, Environics, stated that 1 in 5 Canadians think the Church is useless and the same number think the church is hateful!

What an indictment leveled at a body that is heralding love, peace, joy, prosperity, healing, etc. Now is the time to turn this around. We must start somewhere.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 says, "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."

Zechariah 4:10 says, "Do not despise this small beginning, for the eyes of the Lord rejoice to see the work begin..."



We are burning the canoes that brought us this far. There is no retreat. With the Creator's help, we will win.

Creation does not respond to need. It responds to seed. Seed that is sown in good soil brings forth fruit. Please prayerfully consider helping us by sowing a financial seed today and watch it grow!

Check our website at [www.divinechoices.org](http://www.divinechoices.org) to see the exciting doors that are opening up to us. Thank you!

We covet your prayers for Divine Choices.

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