Addiction: A Banquet in the Grave
Romans 6:5-14

1. Definition

Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave:
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Addiction is
i. bondage to the rule of a substance, activity, or state of mind (emotion)
ii. which then becomes the center of life,
iii. defending itself from the truth
iv. so even bad consequences do not bring repentance, leading to further estrangement from God

2. Clarification — Two Metaphor
a. The world’s: addiction is a “disease”
b. The Bible’s: addiction is “worship” (Micah 4:5)

3. Factors to Consider
a. The Bondage Factor
   i. John 8:31-45
   ii. Romans 6:5-7, 11-14
b. The Focus Factor
   i. Proverbs 4:23 with Joshua 7:10
   ii. Matthew 6:22-24
c. The Defense Factor
   i. Romans 1:21
   ii. Romans 1:25
d. The Consequence Factor
   i. Proverbs 23:29, 32-25
   ii. Romans 1:18-28