

## **Mental Health Monday**

Understanding Addiction

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### **A. The Experience of Addiction**

*We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*

*For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.*

*For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?*

***Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

Romans 7:14-25

### **B. Overview of Presentation**

1. Addiction 101 from Stanford University
2. Additional definitions
3. Some statistics
4. Recovery
5. The unique role of the church

### **C. Addiction 101 (see handout)**

### **D. Additional Definitions**

1. **Substance misuse:** the use of alcohol or drugs in a manner, situation, amount or frequency that could cause harm to the user or to those around them.
2. **Substance Abuse Disorder:** prolonged, repeated misuse that produces changes in the brain and creates an *independent illness* that significantly impairs health and functioning and may require specific treatment.

**3. Addiction:** Severe and chronic substance abuse disorders.

**4. Diagnostic/Descriptive Criteria**

According to the American Psychiatric Association's [\*Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders\*](#), the signs of substance use disorder include:

- Taking the substance in larger amounts and for a longer amount of time than you're meant to if it's a prescription.
- Having a strong desire or urge to use the substance.
- Having unsuccessful efforts to cut down on or manage substance use.
- Spending a lot of time obtaining or using the substance or recovering from its effects.
- Having issues fulfilling responsibilities at work, school or home due to substance use.
- Continuing to use the substance, even when it causes problems in relationships.
- Giving up social, occupational or recreational activities because of substance use.
- Using substances again and again, even when it puts you in danger.
- Continuing substance use despite an ongoing physical or psychological problem that's likely caused or worsened by the substance.
- Developing tolerance (need for increased amounts to get the same effect).
- Experiencing withdrawal symptoms, which can be relieved by taking more of the substance.

**E. Some Statistics**

- Simply listen and write down what stands out to you.

**F. Recovery**

1. Reducing stigma
2. Early intervention (see AUDIT)
3. If chronic and severe: medical detox is needed
4. Holistic treatment:
  - Psychotherapy: gain insight; develop distress tolerance; address any underlying contributors
  - 12 Step Recovery Programs: why they are so successful
  - Healthy care of self
  - Connection with others

**G. The Unique Role of the Church**

1. Origin of The Twelve Steps
2. The Gospel is holistic
3. The Church as a recovery community

# AUDIT

## Introduction

The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) is a 10-item screening tool developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) to assess alcohol consumption, drinking behaviors, and alcohol-related problems. Both a clinician-administered version (page 1) and a self-report version of the AUDIT (page 2) are provided. Patients should be encouraged to answer the AUDIT questions in terms of standard drinks. A chart illustrating the approximate number of standard drinks in different alcohol beverages is included for reference. A score of 8 or more is considered to indicate hazardous or harmful alcohol use. The AUDIT has been validated across genders and in a wide range of racial/ethnic groups and is well-suited for use in primary care settings. Detailed guidelines about use of the AUDIT have been published by the WHO and are available online: [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2001/who\\_msd\\_msb\\_01.6a.pdf](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2001/who_msd_msb_01.6a.pdf)

## The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test: Interview Version

Read questions as written. Record answers carefully. Begin the AUDIT by saying "Now I am going to ask you some questions about your use of alcoholic beverages during this past year." Explain what is meant by "alcoholic beverages" by using local examples of beer, wine, vodka, etc. Code answers in terms of "standard drinks". Place the correct answer number in the box at the right.

1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? (0) Never [Skip to Qs 9-10] (1) Monthly or less (2) 2 to 4 times a month (3) 2 to 3 times a week (4) 4 or more times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking? (0) 1 or 2 (1) 3 or 4 (2) 5 or 6 (3) 7, 8, or 9 (4) 10 or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily <i>Skip to Questions 9 and 10 if Total Score for Questions 2 and 3 = 0</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Have you or someone else been injured as a result of your drinking? (0) No (2) Yes, but not in the last year (4) Yes, during the last year	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected from you because of drinking? (0) Never (1) Less than monthly (2) Monthly (3) Weekly (4) Daily or almost daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Has a relative or friend or a doctor or another health worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down? (0) No (2) Yes, but not in the last year (4) Yes, during the last year	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Record total of specific items here <i>If total is greater than recommended cut-off, consult User's Manual.</i></p>			

## The Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test: Self-Report Version

PATIENT: Because alcohol use can affect your health and can interfere with certain medications and treatments, it is important that we ask some questions about your use of alcohol. Your answers will remain confidential so please be honest. Place an X in one box that best describes your answer to each question.

Questions	0	1	2	3	4	
1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?	Never	Monthly or less	2-4 times a month	2-3 times a week	4 or more times a week	
2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 to 9	10 or more	
3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
4. How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
5. How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
6. How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
8. How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because of your drinking?	Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily	
9. Have you or someone else been injured because of your drinking?	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	
10. Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?	No		Yes, but not in the last year		Yes, during the last year	
					<b>Total</b>	

STANDARD DRINK EQUIVALENTS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STANDARD DRINKS IN:
<b>BEER or COOLER</b>	
<b>12 oz.</b> 	12 oz. = 1 16 oz. = 1.3 22 oz. = 2 40 oz. = 3.3
<b>~5% alcohol</b>	
<b>MALT LIQUOR</b>	
<b>8-9 oz.</b> 	12 oz. = 1.5 16 oz. = 2 22 oz. = 2.5 40 oz. = 4.5
<b>~7% alcohol</b>	
<b>TABLE WINE</b>	
<b>5 oz.</b> 	a 750 mL (25 oz.) bottle = 5
<b>~12% alcohol</b>	
<b>80-proof SPIRITS (hard liquor)</b>	
<b>1.5 oz.</b> 	a mixed drink = 1 or more* a pint (16 oz.) = 11 a fifth (25 oz.) = 17 1.75 L (59 oz.) = 39
<b>~40% alcohol</b>	*Note: Depending on factors such as the type of spirits and the recipe, one mixed drink can contain from one to three or more standard drinks.