

# “Addictions”

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- What:** Sometimes Christians are the worst at being...well...Christians. This sketch is a powerful reader’s theatre about how we can delude ourselves into believing that our addictions aren’t hurting anyone.
- Who:** Narrator  
Person 1  
Person 2  
6 people to hold candles
- When:** Present
- Why:** 1 John 1:6, 8-9, Matthew 5:14
- Wear (props):** 6 candles with holders
- How:** Lights are out; light candles before going on stage (*tip: to prevent candles from dripping use coffee filters to catch the wax by cutting a hole in the middle of several layers of filters and then put on each candle*)  
Candleholders stand in a row across the stage; as the skit progresses candles will be blown out.  
Person 1 and Person 2 can each stand on either side of the stage or anywhere that will not block the view of the candles.

Narrator: *(from Matt. 5:14)* You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

*Take your time on the first set of lines – don’t rush them.*

Person 1: Addictions? Yeah, right... These are things that I probably won’t do when I get older. It’s just that it’s hard not to be a part of these things in school when everyone else around me is doing them. But I mean, gossip? Is that really an addiction anyway? We’re just talking. It’s not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

Person 2: Everyone says that smoking is bad for you. But it’s just a little pot... it’s a great way to hang out and relax with my friends. We don’t do it in front of kids or anything, so it’s not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

Person 1: I found out my boyfriend is looking at stuff on the internet that he shouldn’t. He says he’ll stop when he gets married someday. I guess it couldn’t hurt to just look at pictures, right? He says it’s not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

Person 2: I totally don’t get geometry. I have to cheat on the tests because if I don’t pass, then I don’t play basketball. I don’t cheat in every class; besides, it’s not really hurting anyone. *(one candle is blown out)*

Person 1: Maybe I judge other people a little bit, but you should see this guy Jeffrey – he’s this total loser that talks so weird. I can do a great impression of him, and my friends think it’s hilarious. We don’t make fun of him in front of his face, so it’s not really hurting anyone.

*(pick up the pace some on the following lines)*

Person 2: I lie to my parents.

Person 1: Sometimes I have to so they’ll get off my back.

Person 2: I love to party.