

Christ Church

Bringing People Together In Christ Who Are Worlds Apart.

JUST SAY, 'NO'

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It's been an effective slogan in the fight against drugs. Statistics indicate that the use of 'meth' has declined especially among students. Many have found the courage to speak a resounding 'NO' to something that they understand will harm their mind and body and limit their future. For this we are grateful.

'No' is a powerful word when used against all the dark forces of evil. This is the resistance that sends Satan fleeing. You become the victor instead of the victim. Temptation is the attempt to lead you down a perilous path where your options become non-existent or limited. Alcohol, drugs, illicit sex, pride, obsessions, and self will are the baits for deadly traps.

We would be foolish not to learn from examples both good and bad. When you observe someone who is living a very limited and sad life, it would be wise to ask the question, "How did they get there? What evil were they subjected to?" Only a powerful and loving Savior can redeem what has been lost and it may take into eternity to do it.

I have had many wonderful examples of dear saints who lived

full lives and died without reproach. Were they ever tempted? No doubt. By the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit they were able to say 'No' to the most appealing things that Satan had to offer. They are my heroes.

Jesus articulated His refusal to heed Satan's temptation by quoting the ever living Word. Satan got the message and the scriptures tell us that Satan left him. Jesus returned from the wilderness in the power of the Spirit. His soul was uncontaminated and his options were limitless. Now He could heal the sick, raise the dead, deliver the demoniac, and speak the words of His Father.

We are called to be free in Christ. Let's keep our options open to all possibilities and not become entangled again with this world. Learn to say, "No" eloquently.

