

A script from



“Addictions: Youth Version”

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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. (Themes: Sin, Addictions, Peer Pressure, Excuses, Eating Disorder, Stealing, Drugs, Cheating, Light)
- Who** Narrator
Person 1
Person 2
6 people to hold candles
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 6 candles with holders
- Why** 1 John 1:6, 8-9, Matthew 5:14
- How** Lights are out; light candles before going on stage. 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.
**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.*
- Time** Approximately 2-4 minutes

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.

Person 1: I'm not getting drunk; it's just a buzz.

Person 1: I cut.

Person 2: I deserve it.

Person 1: Every time I eat, I throw up afterwards.

Person 2: I want to be thin.

Person 2: Stealing stuff isn't something I do all the time.