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The power of God's grace

NDTC client testimony by Manuell Appleton

My name is Manuell A. Appleton. I was my father's and mother's only child. I was a very spoiled kid. My father was a truck driver and my mother was a manager at a successful dry cleaners. Together they owned rental properties in Akron, Ohio. Life was good and I enjoyed every minute of it.

My family always did things together until I turned nine years old, then our home changed. My parents started yelling and screaming at each other every day.

I did not understand what was happening. My attitude began to change due to anger and fear. I took that anger to school and began getting aggressive with my classmates. By the time I turned 11 things were so out of control my mother left my dad.

My mother and I moved in with my grandfather on the south side of Akron. It was there where I met new friends. When I turned 12 I took my first drink and really liked it. I joined the local gang and ran

my father and grandparents. I lost all respect for my father because he was also on crack cocaine.

My life began to get more and more out of control. I tried to go to church with my mother and grandmother, but it made no impact. By the time I was 21 I had been robbed, shot at, in car accidents, and stopped by police so many times I didn't care anymore. I was put on probation for five years for a drug possession charge.

While on probation, I stopped dealing drugs, but I started drinking heavier. I got a

cooking job that I liked. I worked there and stayed out of trouble for a while until I got introduced to powder cocaine. The high was good; I was hooked instantly.

I got off probation and got high all the time. I overdosed one night and

with the bad crowd for years. By 15, I started selling crack cocaine with my older cousin. My cousin got killed and I started acting worse.

I dropped out of school when I was 16 and became a full-time drug dealer. My mother didn't know what to do with me so I went to live with

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From the Board's perspective

Rev. Howard Russell, chairman of the Board of Trustees



Rev. Howard Russell

For 47 years God has changed lives at New Destiny Treatment Center. Each story is compelling and brings thanksgiving with it.

Stanley lived in a broken car behind a service station for two years. He was caught in the grip of addiction. But he met God at New Destiny Treatment Center. His life changed. His

behavior changed. His devotion switched from drugs to God.

Stanley is now on the ministry staff at a church. He is on fire for God and he is making a difference for the Kingdom.

Art was laden with addictions. His life was surrounded by the garbage that follows addiction. He had lost everything. He came to NDTC and God found him. And he found God. His life and behavior changed.

Art is now the chef at a Bible College. He

is making a difference in students who are preparing for the ministry.

Don was a helicopter pilot and an executive with a six-figure salary at a large international oil company. He squandered it all for addiction. He too lost everything - including his family. He tried treatment programs, but he had nothing to hold to. He came to NDTC. He met God. God met him. His life and behavior changed.

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went into a seizure. When they did a CAT scan and MRI scan they said I needed brain surgery. I got so depressed I quit my job and continued to get high. There were many times I just wanted to die. I hid from my health problems through cocaine, marijuana and alcohol.

I prayed one night because my life was uncontrollable. When I woke up I started looking in the phone book for a treatment center. I called New Destiny Treatment

Center. They said to come in that same night.

I have been here of my own free will for more than seven months. I am near to earning my GED (I have already passed the pre-test). I have been



Manuell Appleton

clean since I arrived, and I feel so good about myself. I have grown spiritually, have accepted Christ into my life, and I know that prayer changes lives.

My mother and my father, who is now clean and sober, are very proud of me and that makes me happy as well. I love the New Destiny Treatment Center for putting structure back into my life that I plan to build on forever and ever. Thank you.

Spirituality and treatment: part 2

Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director



Rev. Lester Rowan

Last month I introduced the topic of spirituality as it relates to treatment for addiction. I provided a general definition of spirituality, and gave some examples of how it relates to treatment.

A point I raised last month is in secular treatment there is a reluctance to evaluate or judge the validity of one's spiritual beliefs. Many assume that it does not matter what one believes, just so long as they believe in something. This view has been described as "faith in faith."

Is believing in something all that is necessary? Somehow it has come to the point in our society that we insist on having the right belief about many things except spiritual truth.

For example, our educational and governmental institutions are insisting that we adopt the "correct" views on certain topics such as global warming, sexual orientation, and abortion, to name a few. Yet, we are often instructed that there is no correct view of spiritual truth or faith. Many people in our society give equal value to all spiritual beliefs and believe that there is not a single spiritual truth.

This skepticism has been brought about because so many things we once thought to be true have over time been disproved. Our

knowledge of science, medicine, history and many other topics continues to expand and change. It is therefore assumed that the same is true for spiritual knowledge.

I often ask clients in my class if they think we will ever know all the truth there is to know. Usually they respond with a confident "no!" Then I ask, "If we had a whole nation full of Albert Einsteins, could we ever know all the truth there is to know?" Again, they say no.

We all have a sense that knowledge, and therefore truth, must be infinite in nature. Individuals who have concluded that truth cannot be known may have feelings of despair. However, an alternative to despair exists.

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Care and Share room sponsorship opportunity

New Destiny is pleased to announce a Care and Share Room Sponsorship Program for the completion of the building and to cover the \$300,000 needed to complete construction. You, your family, your company or church are invited to prayerfully consider sponsorship of the 64 individual rooms, public areas and outdoor spaces.

All sponsored spaces will commemorate the donor's name and a phrase of their choosing. Individual

rooms can be sponsored for \$2,500; public spaces can be sponsored for \$5,000 - \$100,000. Monthly payments for 24 months can be made to fulfill the sponsorship commitment.



Sample drawing of NDTC new building project

Please use the contribution form below to indicate your interest in being a part of our building program.

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Don is now on staff at a Christ-centered drug treatment facility. He is rescuing lives from beyond the edge of debauchery. Christ changed his life. He is being used by Christ to bring others to Him.

God has a wonderful plan for everyone's life. The beauty and greatness and God-glorifying work you do as NDTC supporters enables those who were once lost to again be found.

The Board of Trustees is depending on you. More importantly, those who need rescuing are depending on you. God's provision is often found in His followers. We look forward to seeing what God is about to do through you.

Vance was a world class shoplifter. He specialized in fine men's clothing. He had to support a \$5,000 per-day addiction. He was so smooth he could con the con man. But he was ruined by his addiction. He was below rock bottom. He came to NDTC. He met God. God met him. His life and behavior changed.

It is you on whom we depend. Your faithful donations are what it takes to continue to bring rescue to men who are below the bottom. You are returning husbands to their wives, fathers to their children, and sons to their parents.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful, life-changing work.

Vance is now one of the most effective Christian addiction counselors I have ever known. He is making a difference. Hearing him tell his story will bring goose bumps to you both physically and spiritually.

The stories go on and on. How does it happen? Through you, the supporters of New Destiny Treatment Center.

NDTC has had a glorious history. God has always provided. The people who support the important work of NDTC understand that

Yes, I want to help return husbands to their wives, fathers to their children, and sons to their parents.

I am enclosing \$ _____ as a: 900 Club Member (\$100 per month) beginning the month of _____, 200 ____.

(If partnering with a friend, please include full name and address of partner for tracking purposes.)

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I am unable to contribute at this time, but I want to be a prayer partnet for the New Destiny Treatment Center. Please continue sending the *Destiny* newsletter.

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If truth is infinite it cannot be known unless it is revealed by one who is also infinite. I share with my class that the infinite God has revealed truth to us in His Word, the Bible. I do not have space here to cover all the questions that we address. The main point is that true spirituality is founded in this truth, and it is possible to have a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This confidence is not given for us to be arrogant and obnoxious, but to have the assurance that our "faith has found a resting place." Assurance that God is real and is in control gives us the spiritual strength to face life's many difficulties. It really does matter who (or what) our "higher power" is.

There is a reason why a relationship with

Jesus Christ works in recovery when all other methods have failed. It is because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

I hope that this discussion has been helpful. Please pray for me and our clients as we explore spiritual principles and apply them to daily life.

NDTC's need continues...

Melinda Holsopple, director of development

We at NDTC are thrilled to anticipate the construction of the new facility. The individual rooms with their own bathrooms will give the men seeking refuge and restoration a safe and comforting environment. The green build construction will respect the earth and its resources and decrease utilities costs through use of energy rated appliances, increased insulation and conservation devices.

We are thankful for the \$5.5 million for construction provided by the State of Ohio. (Another \$300,000 must be raised to complete construction). All funds provided by the state are dedicated to the construction and cannot be used for operations. We need you help now as much as ever to assist us in providing a place for the lost and lonely souls that find their way to us. Please remember our needs as you are praying for God's will for your finances.

Contributions to NDTC provide for the housing and treatment of men who are broken by their addictions to drug and alcohol. Many of our men come to our door seeking help. They are without the support of a loving family and the resources to get the treatment they desperately need. Your dollars give them a roof over their head, treatment for their addictions and, most importantly, hope for an eternal future.

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