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Just a quick point about how a person can get an idea if he's addicted or dependent (which is easier to treat).

When people use the term "dependence," they are usually referring to a physical dependence on a substance. Dependence is characterized by the symptoms of tolerance and withdrawal.

Addiction is marked by a change in behavior caused by the biochemical changes in the brain after continued substance abuse. Substance use becomes the main priority of the addict, regardless of the harm they may cause to themselves or others. An addiction causes people to act irrationally when they don't have the substance they are addicted to in their system.

The experience of pleasure does play some role, because it opens the doorway to addiction. But it is clear, based on the fact that most people do not become addicts, that over time a person's initial experience of pleasure is not what causes that individual to return to an addictive substance again and again, compulsively and to his or her detriment.

The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, it's connection. That said, developing healthy interpersonal connections as a part of recovery and healing is not easy. It takes time, effort, and a willing support network. The good news is that we now know for certain that this type of recovery and social connection is possible — even for the most problematic of addicts.

Posted by Captain - 13 May 2021 16:05

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Check out the great free resources in my signature below. They provide a lot of chizuk.