

Say No To Drugs

Drugs have ruined the lives of millions of people throughout the world. The pressure from our peers to use these substances is relentless. It's almost as though smoking 'pot' or marijuana has become standard procedure for 21st Century teens. They want you to believe it's now the 'cool' thing to do. To some it may be fun for a season but the effects of using drugs will ruin your entire life.

In our society drugs have been glorified beyond belief. Many, if not all, rap artists use references to drugs and alcohol in their songs. They praise the use of drugs and influence many of today's teens into following their example. And with the rap industry growing, there seems to be no hope in sight for the next generation.

The effects of illegal drugs run long and deep. One major danger is the effect they can have on your body. From brain damage to cancer, they can permanently harm your body or even kill you. Drugs can also get you killed in other ways, not just from the inside. Getting addicted to drugs can lead you to drastic measures. When you are living from one high to another you will do anything to get that satisfaction you desire. These acts can get you in trouble with dealers, cartels, and even police officers.

Not only users reap the repercussions of drug use. There are millions of silent victims that have never used a drug in their life. Illegal substances in many ways hurt our society; from the killings of innocent bystanders, to robberies and burglaries, and even the occasional hostage situations.

Life is just too precious to waste.

For me, I chose not to use drugs because I only have one life to live, and I want to live it to the fullest. Memory loss, physical ailments, and cancer are not things I need in my life. I want to be with my family and friends for as long as I can and make many memories before my time is up. I live by the words of Jesus when He said "Your body is a temple of God," and I will keep it pure for Him.

To keep teens from falling into the clutches of drugs, one major change needs to be made. Teens today need clean role models that they can look up to. Movie stars, musicians, public workers, and even politicians have all been plagued by drug usage. Many world class athletes, that aspiring Olympians look up to, are failing drug tests and we learn that they have used illegal substances such as steroids or other performance enhancing drugs. Teens deserve good, wholesome role models to look up to. Someone that can influence the way young minds think and operate. We need someone of high stature to "Say No to Drugs". Until that happens, I will do my part to help influence the people around me by living my life as an example of staying drug free.

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