AN EXTREME MAKEOVER: BIBLE EDITION

1. There is a “reality’ show entitled, “Extreme Makeover.”
2. The premise of the show is to help people who suffer from low self-esteem or misfortune
because of their looks--mostly.
3. In most cases, multiple surgeries are performed on the individual.
4. As the show progresses, the person(s) chosen, appearance begins to change gradually.
5. In the end, the chosen party is revealed to his family or friends or acquaintances.
6. The crowd often responds with looks of amazement, tears of joy, and declarations of
praise.
7. There is a story in the Bible that reveals an “extreme makeover.”
10. We will consider this lesson under two points: (1) The Man’s Life Before He Met Jesus;
(2) The Man’s Life After He Met Jesus.

BODY:
I. THE MAN’S LIFE BEFORE HE MET JESUS
A. He was the victim of demon possession (Matt.8:28).
B. Demons were more than likely the departed spirits of wicked men allowed to roam the
earth for a period of time (Matt.12:23-30, 43-45).
C. He was not in control of his life (Luke 8:27, 29).
D. He was a threat to anyone who encountered him (Matt.8:28).
E. His actions were socially unacceptable (Mark 5:4).
F. His pain was unrelenting and unbearable (Mark 5:5).
G. His residence was undesirable (Mark 5:3; Luke 8:27).
H. His appearance was nearly undesirable (Mark 5:5; Luke 8:27). See Leviticus 19:28
concerning tattoos or marking one’s body (NKJV).

II. THE MAN’S LIFE AFTER HE MET JESUS
A. He was delivered from that which control and nearly destroyed him (Mark 5:8).
B. He now was approachable (Luke 8:35).
C. He became a serious student of Christ (Luke 8:35).
D. His appearance now was respectful (Luke 8:35).
E. He desired the Lord’s company constantly (Luke 8:38).
F. He became a role model for others (Luke 8:39).

CONCLUSION

1. This man’s deliverance should give us some things to ponder.
2. Abuse of such drugs as alcohol, cocaine, etc., are destroying the lives of many.
3. Addicts come in all shapes and colors, some of whom are working or living next to us.
4. These drugs steal away an individual’s personality, promising careers, and separate him from
his family, friends, fortunes, etc.
5. Many start taking drugs to “relieve” stress or in a recreational fashion, but later they become
slaves to the destructive substances that plague our world.
6. With help and guidance from God’s Word, an addict can experience an extreme makeover.
7. KEY: The church is not immune from the effects of this destructive segment of mankind.
8. Corinth was a congregation that consisted of former alcoholics (1 Cor.6:9-11).
9. Andy Griffith would have us laugh at Otis the drunkard; as Christians, we should mourn over
those whose lives have been negatively impacted by drugs.