

Northridge Baptist Church

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Alcohol The Beloved Enemy

Introduction

The word “wine” appears more than two hundred times in the King James version. Many wines of the ancients were boiled or filtered to prevent fermentation. What we call wine, beer, champagne, etc. you have to add special ingredients. As to distillation, by which alcoholic liquors are now obtained, it was utterly unknown to the Hebrews, and to all the world in ancient times. And the wine in the Bible was less alcoholic than the alcoholic beverages today.

Verses on Alcohol

Deuteronomy 32:33, Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

Isaiah 28:7, But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

Proverbs 20:1, Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Habakkuk 2:15, Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him....

Bible Words for Wine

1. Yayin-a Hebrew word which means grape juice that is fermented or unfermented.
2. Tirosh-this Hebrew word means “new wine”, “unfermented wine”
3. Shakar-this Hebrew word means “strong drink.” It was a liquor obtained from dates, or other fruits (grapes excepted), barley, millet, ect., which were dried, or scorched. And a decoction of them was mixed with honey, aromatics, ect.
4. Oinos-grape juice that is fermented or unfermented. Oinos corresponds to the Hebrew word yayin.
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Bible says Alcohol is Wrong Proverbs 23:31.

“Look not thou upon the wine.” The word *look* means “to lust for” or “to desire.”

There are two test that Wine Connoisseur uses to test to see if the Wine mature or just Grape Juice.

Tint Test-“wine when it is red.” If the grape juice has become alcoholic it will give a *reddish tint* telling the connoisseur that it is ready to drink. Swirl Test-“when it moveth itself aright.” The Wine Connoisseur will swirl the juice in the cup to test if the wine has matured and is ready to drink.

In this verse Solomon is telling Rehoboam that you are not suppose to desire to drink the grape juice when it has become alcoholic and has matured into wine.

Solomon gives 6 reasons why Wine is wrong. Proverbs 32-35.

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| 1. It destroys the Body (32) | 2. See weird things (33) |
| 3. Immoral behavior (33) | 4. Sick (34) |
| 5. Don't remember what happened (35) | 6. Addictive (35) |

10 Practical reasons Why Alcohol is Wrong

1. Alcohol is a drug. Anything that takes you out of control will bring you under control of another power. Ethanol is listed as a psychoactive drug. A psychoactive drug is a chemical substance that crosses the blood-brain barrier and acts primarily upon the central nervous system where it affects brain function, resulting in alterations in perception, mood, consciousness, cognition, and behavior. Lupulin is an additional psychoactive drug found in beer. Lupulin is a hypnotic and sedative. Ethanol and Lupulin are both addictive substances classified as narcotics in the United States.

- Most psychoactive drugs are controlled substances in the United States because of their dangerous addictive traits.
- Most psychoactive drugs are issued by prescription of a Medical Doctor.
- Alcohol alters mood, perception, consciousness, cognition, and behavior and creates euphoria.
- Ethanol and Lupulin can be powdered and ingested in capsules, absorbed through the nasal membrane (“snorted”), they can also be injected intravenously, or smoked.

- Alcohol's first listed effect is creating a feeling of happiness. This feeling of happiness creates other subtle, psychological changes (feelings of confidence, friendliness, and talkativeness). A person's feeling of alcohol-happiness is artificial and temporary and highly addictive.
- Alcohol is listed as a depressant drug but by altering dosage it can act as a stimulant or a narcotic. It possesses some of the characteristics of a sedative, a hypnotic, an analgesic and a narcotic.
- Alcohol is not a harmless substance it is a powerful mind altering, psychoactive drug. (Ethanol, Lupulin)

2. Alcohol is addictive. I Corinthians 6:12

Most psychoactive drugs are illegal to use without a prescription and Doctor's supervision because they are highly addictive.

- Alcohol is psychologically addictive. This is perhaps the most subtle and dangerous form of addiction. Drinkers unconsciously become dependent on the psychological changes that Alcohol produces (happiness, sense of well-being, confidence, friendliness, talkativeness).
- Alcohol creates an emotional addiction. The sales gimmick of Bars and Restaurant-bars is to advertise "Happy Hour." Literally hundreds and thousands of people are emotionally addicted to the false "happiness" that is the initial effect of Alcohol.
- Alcohol is physically addictive. In time the body becomes accustomed to metabolizing Alcohol and becomes dependent upon it. Like other drugs, the amount ingested in order to achieve the desired result continually has to increase. This gradually creates a physical addiction.

3. Alcohol is damaging. I Corinthians 3:17

- Alcohol damages brain cells, the liver, stomach, esophagus, lungs, and heart.
- Through the blood stream, Alcohol reaches every system of the body.
- Alcohol is physically damaging, emotionally damaging, and psychologically damaging.
- Alcohol is damaging through the addictions it creates.

4. Alcohol is costly.

Billions of dollars are spent each year on:

- Booze itself (Parents spending hundreds of dollars a month on booze that could provide children's clothing, medicine, food, etc.)
- Lost time (People with hang overs calling in sick to work, making mistakes at work, causing injuries at work)
- Unemployment (People getting fired because of Alcohol use)
- Sickneses (STD's, Venereal disease, Gonorrhea, Syphilis)
- Hangovers, Jail, Lawyer fees, Auto accidents, Insurance premiums, Medical costs
- Law enforcement, Deaths, and physical injuries

5. Alcohol is dangerous. Ex. 100% Question

There is a risk involved in every single drink consumed because Alcohol impairs and distorts judgment and perception, lowers inhibitions, and slows reaction time. These effects can result in:

- Violence, Divorce, Teen pregnancy, Automobile accidents, Fatalities, Adultery, fornication
- Birth defects, Children injured or killed.

6. Alcohol is degenerative.

Alcohol lowers inhibitions; silences the conscience; impairs judgment; slows response.

Through Alcohol people can be enticed into:

- Fornication, Crime, Other drug use, Violence, Deception, Aberrant sexual and other irrational behavior.

7. Alcohol is wasteful.

Through Alcohol use and abuse people waste their:

- Youth, Virtue, Future, Fortunes, Health.

8. Alcohol is unnecessary.

- There are ways to be happy without drinking.
- There are ways to feel friendly without drinking.
- There are ways to have a good time without drinking.
- There are ways to socialize without drinking.
- Social drinking, moderate drinking, and recreational drinking are all ADDICTIONS. Drinkers cannot have a good time or enjoy themselves or their company without Alcohol.
- These are addictions that make millions of dollars for special interest groups, so they are socially acceptable and politically correct.

9. Alcohol is debilitating.

- The more you use Alcohol to “break the ice”; the more you’ll need to use Alcohol to break the ice.
- The more you use Alcohol at “Happy Hour”; the more you’ll need Alcohol at “Happy Hour.”
- The more you use Alcohol because of the confidence it gives you; the more you will need Alcohol to be confident.
- Alcohol makes dependents. It creates dependencies that are unrealized or denied.

10. Alcohol is deadly. (Poisons body, **Proverbs 23:32**) When enough Alcohol is ingested, the human body shuts down and dies. You should not drink a drop of this poison. At the following blood-alcohol levels death occurs:

- BAC .35 some people die, .40 more people die, .80 everyone dies.

Add this information to the multiplied deaths due to Alcohol-related auto accidents, murders, rapes, and crimes and it becomes obvious that you should not drink Alcohol.