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Chapter 3 – Badman's Apprenticeship to a Religious Master - Part 2 (pages 35-43)

We read last week about the three companions - or villains as they were called - who Mr. Badman started to associate with. Each had their own obsession and addiction; one with drunkenness, another with thievery and the last with sexual sins. These three are no different today than what they were in Bunyan's day or from the beginning of time as far as that goes and as King Solomon said, there is nothing new under the sun.

Alcohol and Drunkenness

The topic of alcohol has long been debated in the church pulpits and that probably won't change. Many have read statistics showing the benefits of some alcohol in a person's diet that can aid in lowering the risk of cardiovascular disease, help with longevity of life, helps prevent the common cold, can help decrease chances of developing dementia, can help reduce the risk of gallstones and diabetes, just to name a few. So the issue I believe is not the small portions of alcohol in a person's diet that can potentially help, but the excess of which leads to other sins or health problems in a person's life. [John 2:1-11](#) tells of Jesus' first miracle where he turned the water into wine. That too, being under much debate over the centuries, but I believe it was alcoholic wine which was common in the day to drink. Had it been outright sin in itself, do you really think Jesus would have performed this miracle? I don't think so. We're clearly talking here of excessive alcohol abuse. **Ephesians 5:18** says; "*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.*" **Romans 13:13** also says; "*Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.*"

What are some things that happen when one becomes or is a drunkard that we read about?

1. **It leads to poverty and is in the same category as being a glutton** - **Proverbs 23:21**; "*For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.*"
2. **It brings on the body incurable diseases resulting in untimely deaths** - **Ecclesiastes 7:17**; "*Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: why should you die before your time?*"
3. **Drunkenness is a sin that is often attended with an abundance of other evils** - **Proverbs 23:29**; "*Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine.*"
4. **By drunkenness, men often shorten their days. They go out of the public house drunk, and break their necks before they get home.** Statistics from the USA Huffington Post from June 8, 2015 give some sad and sobering numbers for death as a result of being drunk;
 - 88,000 deaths are annually attributed to excessive alcohol use.
 - Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This amounts to one death every 51 minutes.
 - 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes; drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides.
 - Teen alcohol use kills 4,700 people each year - that's more than all illegal drugs combined.

The sobering word is this though. Drunkenness is categorized with other sins that lead to separation from God for ETERNITY. **I Corinthians 6:10**; "*nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.*"

Getting someone drunk to cover up a sin, as King David did with Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, is also common practice. What King David did backfired on him as it says in **2 Samuel 11:13**; "*Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.*" One sin of King David led to another, eventually to murdering Uriah. How many people have been taken advantage of while drunk? [Habakkuk 2:5-12](#)

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Thievery or Stealing

It said that Mr. Badman became more knowledgeable in stealing to support his habit of drunkenness as his villain companion taught him how to do. It really could apply to any other addiction now-a-day including drugs. SureHire reports that 40% of thefts are perpetrated by substance abusers. Forbes reports that US retailers lose \$60 billion a year and employee theft being on the top of those who steal. It becomes insatiable, voracious and greedy to keep a habit alive.

Sexual Sins or Womanising

BBC, Canada reports on August 2, 2015 about the internet hacking of Ashley Madison which rocked the public. *"Earlier this month, hackers broke into Ashley Madison, a dating site for married people who want to cheat on their spouses. "Life is short. Have an affair," reads the homepage. The hackers claim to have stolen the real names and addresses of the site's users, and are threatening to release the information. Shortly afterwards, Canada's National Post reported that Ottawa boasts 189,810 Ashley Madison accounts. The city itself has a population of 883,000. That's the equivalent of one out of every five residents. Ashley Madison did not respond to the BBC's request for membership statistics. The contradiction between the capital city's strait-laced reputation and Ashley Madison's numbers is staggering."* In light of that, even more staggering reports come from Denison Forum on Truth and Culture. *"The Huffington Post recently headlined this provocative statement: "You May Be Surprised How Many Born-Again Christians Use Ashley Madison" (an online company that helps married people arrange affairs).The company recently surveyed its members, and discovered that 25.1 percent are evangelical ("born-again") Christians. Catholics came in next, at 22.75 percent, followed by Protestants at 22.7 percent. The article quotes a British sociologist who explains the data: "People who have faith often use it as an outlet for forgiveness, so they're more likely to cheat and less likely to feel guilty."*

These reports are grave yet we shouldn't be surprised seeing the lukewarmness of professing Christians and as we read last week from [Revelation 3:14-22](#), Jesus will vomit such people out of his mouth. The Bible is loaded with the warnings of falling into adultery or fornication. Please read [Proverbs 5](#) and [Proverbs 7:6-27](#). **Ephesians 5:5** *"For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."* Almighty God abhors sexual sins and there will be no living in the mansions in glory for such who do not repent of their sin. A person who continually, brazenly and secretly lives this lifestyle will be eternally separated from God. This sin brings a man down to want and poverty. **Proverbs 6:26** says; *"For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life."*

Sexually transmitted diseases also steal ones health. The top 5 STD's are; 1. HIV/Aids, 2. Syphilis, 3. Hepatitis, 4. Gonorrhoea and 5. Chlamydia. **I Corinthians 6:15-20** says; *"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For 'the two', He says, 'shall become one flesh.' But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."* In North America, imagine how much of your tax dollars goes to the medical health of people who have infirmities due to sexual sin and addictions.

Sexual sins also lead to pregnancy and murder. I'm putting in part of this story because it bears worth reading again.

" Let me tell you another story. An elderly man, one of my own acquaintance, a man of good repute in our country, had a mother who was a midwife, who was mostly employed in laying out famous women. To this woman's house, at a certain time, comes a brave young gallant on horseback to fetch her to the laying out of a young lady. So she prepares herself to go with him, and he takes her up behind him, and away they ride in the night. Now, they had not ridden far, when the gentleman alighted from his horse; and, taking the old midwife from the horse in his arms, he turned round with her several times, and then put her up again. Then they rode up and away till they came to a stately home, into which he took her, and so into a bedroom where the young lady was in her labour pains. He then bid the midwife to do her work, and she demanded help; but he drew out his sword, and told her that if she did not make speed to do her work, and without help, she must look for nothing but death. Well, to cut the story short, this old midwife laid out the young lady, and

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a fine sweet baby she had. Now there was blazing in a room close by a very big fire; so the gentleman took up the baby, put more coals on the fire, and threw the child in and covered it up, and that was an end of it. So, when the midwife had done her work, he paid her well for her pains, but shut her up in a dark room all day. When night came, he took her up on his horse behind him again, and carried her away till she had almost arrived home. Then he turned her round and round as he had done before, and brought her to her house, set her down, bid her farewell, and away he went, and she never knew who he was. This story the midwife's son told me, who was a minister, who also affirmed that his mother had told him the truth.

ATTENTIVE. Murder often follows, indeed, as something that is the fruit of this sin. But sometimes God brings even these adulterers and adulteresses to shameful ends. I heard of one, I think he was a doctor, and his prostitute, who had three or four bastards between them. They murdered them all; but at last themselves were hanged for it, in or near Colchester. It came out in this way — the prostitute was so afflicted in her conscience about it, that she could not stay quiet until she had made it known. Thus God many times makes the actors of wickedness their own accusers, and brings them by their own tongues to well-deserved punishment for their sins."

The murder of unborn and born children is not new. It's been going on since the beginning of time. Pharaoh murdered the baby boys by having them cast into the sea, King Herod commanded a massacre of baby boys under the age of two when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, China has it's one child policy per family and any other babies born are killed or forcibly aborted, many cultures murder baby girls and the list goes on. What we've read is offensive and barbaric to the utmost yet not new. The lifestyle of sin links with other sins and the murder of the unborn is at its highest in North America. Partial birth abortions of babies between 4-9 months account for over 17,000 abortions performed yearly in the USA.

As I said last week, we can look at Mr. Badman in all his vile sin as a very young man, yet put the mirror to your face as a Christian and ask your heavenly father what sins you're knowingly committing. It could be these mentioned or others. The Lord Jesus always makes a way of escape for us when we're tempted to sin, always! You are without excuse. The society we're in right now does not want to call sin, sin. It calls it a problem, an addiction, a situation but not a sin. Jesus promises to forgive us of our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness if we but humble ourselves and ask for forgiveness. If the Holy Spirit has been gently convicting you today as you've read this, I'd ask that you call on the name of Jesus right now and pray to ask for forgiveness. If you need to go to someone and ask for forgiveness or return what you've stolen, do so. Call out to Jesus for mercy and he will be merciful. Maybe you're living with incurable diseases as a result of lascivious living, Jesus can heal you. Maybe you're in an adulterous affair, turn from it today, repent and ask Jesus to forgive you. This message is meant to bring healing, not condemnation. It's the devil who condemns but the Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin so that you can repent. Pray this today with me, "Jesus, I ask that you forgive me of my sins. I confess that I've sinned. I ask that you wash away my sins as far as the east is from the west. I humble myself before you and ask for mercy and forgiveness, not judgement. I choose to follow you and flee temptation. In your name Jesus, amen."

This is a short video about "[What The Early Church Fathers Taught About Abortion](#)".



We have a saying that's very popular right now when you ask someone how they're doing and they say, 'living the dream baby'. We have millions of babies that are saying in their mothers' wombs, 'dreaming to live baby!!!'

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