

TEMPERANCE

WHAT DOES GOD CALL FOR US TO DO?

Wherefore *come out* from among them, and *be ye separate*, saith the Lord, and *touch not the unclean thing*; and I will receive you,
And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. *2 Corinthians 6:17, 18*

WILL THIS HAVE AN IMPACT ON WHAT WE EAT OR DRINK?

Whether therefore *ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do*, do all to the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

WHAT WARNING DOES GOD GIVE TO HIS PEOPLE?

Know ye not that *ye are the temple of God*, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. *1 Corinthians 3:16, 17*

WHY IS WHAT WE PUT INTO OUR BODIES SO IMPORTANT?

What? know ye not that *your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost* which is in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*?

For *ye are bought with a price*: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. *1 Corinthians 6:19, 20*

NOTE: In view of the above principles one should refrain from the use of things which tend to harm, impede, or shorten one's life; as well as those things which He has strictly forbidden.

WHAT IS GOD'S WARNING ABOUT ALCOHOL?

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Proverbs 23:29-32

WHOM DOES THE BIBLE SAY HAS WOE OR SORROW?

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Isaiah 5:20-22

WHEN ONE USES ALCOHOL, WHAT HAVE THEY DONE?

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because *they have cast*

away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 5:24

WHAT SHOULD WE NOT BE DECEIVED BY?

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

WILL DRUNKARDS BE IN HEAVEN?

Know ye not that *the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10*

WHAT DOES GOD DESIRE FOR US?

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest *prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2*

WHAT DOES GOD SAY WE ARE TO EAT?

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and *eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Isaiah 55:2*

DID NOAH KNOW SOME ANIMALS WERE UNCLEAN?

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of *beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Genesis 7:2*

HOW CAN WE TELL WHAT IS CLEAN AND CAN BE EATEN?

And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, *These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.*

Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

Nevertheless *these shall ye not eat* of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the *camel*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

And the *coney*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

And the *hare*, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the *swine*, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

Of their flesh *shall ye not eat*, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you. *Leviticus 11:1-8*

NOTE: The way to tell the clean from the unclean is simple. Look at their feet and watch them eat. They must have both a split hoof and chew the cud. If any animal does not meet BOTH Bible specifications, God says, "of their flesh ye shall not eat."

WHAT MUST WATER ANIMALS HAVE?

These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath *fins and scales* in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

And *all that have not fins and scales* in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you:

They shall be even an abomination unto you; *ye shall not eat* of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.

Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you. *Leviticus 11:9-12*

WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS LIST OF ANIMALS?

This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten. Leviticus 11:46, 47

WHAT EVENT IS HERE REFERRED TO?

For, behold, *the LORD will come* with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. *Isaiah 66:15, 16*

WHO WILL BE DESTROYED WHEN JESUS COMES?

They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. Isaiah 66:17

WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO DO?

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye *present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God*, which is your reasonable service.

And *be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. *Romans 12:1, 2*