

Alcohol, Drug Abuse

1. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:15.

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! **1 Cor. 6:19–20.** 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.

2. Jesus warns against the abuse of alcohol. Luke

21:34. “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.”

3. Wine is a mocker, beer a brawler. Prov. 20:1. Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

4. Don't love wine. Prov. 21:17. He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

5. Heavy drinking brings misery. Prov. 23:29–35.

6. Consider the sad picture of a drunkard. (The Bible tells it like it is!) Prov. 23:32–35.

7. God's wrath was upon Israel for its sin of drunkenness. Isa. 28:1–4.

8. Isaiah gives us a vivid picture of a drunk losing his moral judgment. Isa. 28:7–8. But they also have erred through wine, And through intoxicating drink are out of the way; The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, They are swallowed up by wine, They are out of the way through intoxicating drink; They err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean.

9. Paul gives us a timely warning and instruction. Eph. 5:15–18. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

10. Drunkenness breaks down morals. Gen. 9:20–23. (*the example of Noah*) **Gen. 19:30–38.** (*the example of Lot*)

11. No drunkard shall enter heaven. 1 Cor. 6:9–10. Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

12. One can be saved from drunkenness and set free. 1 Cor. 6:11. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

13. Don't associate with drunkards. 1 Cor. 5:11. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

14. Be wise! Don't join those who abuse alcohol. Prov. 23:19–20. Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide your heart in the way. Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;