



Cherreguine Bible Doctrine Ministries

ALCOHOLISM

DRINKING alcoholic beverage is an ancient issue in the human race. The Bible issued neither a license to drink nor a command to abstain. The Bible comments on the correct and incorrect use of alcohol along with its many variables.

ALCOHOL is toxic, destructive, a curse and detrimental when used as escape from reality or for licentious purposes.

ALCOHOL is a blessing, helpful, and beneficial when used for various medicinal purposes. It is good for the dying person when used as depressant to produce sedation [Proverbs 31:6-7]

It improves blood circulation and it stimulates the appetite of the older person [Psalm 104:15, 1 Timothy 5:23].

The condemnation of drunkenness not the alcohol itself or the drinking per se is classified as sin [Proverbs 23:30, Isaiah 5:11, Romans 13:13].

HABITUAL drunkenness incapacitates anyone, rich and poor alike, but especially those in temporal authority like government, military leadership and other authority [Proverbs 31:4-5]. Those in spiritual authority like pastors and deacons [1 Timothy 3:8].

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT APPLIED TO DRINKING:

The principle of expediency: The saint should never drink where drinking becomes an issue to the unbeliever.

The principle of love: The believer should refrain from drinking so as not to lead weaker believer astray.

The principle of supreme sacrifice: The believer is warned not to drink when his life is completely dedicated to a specific church ministry, mission, and spiritual leadership.

The principle of liberty: The believer must exercise his spiritual freedom to drink or not to drink with respect to Bible doctrine.

Some adverse effects of alcohol:

Drunkenness leads to irresponsible, abusive, impulsive behavior.

Alcohol is a depressant rather than a stimulant.

Drunkenness cooperates with old sinful nature to lower Biblical standard and thereby lowering our resistance to sin.

Habitual drunkenness can cause certain conditions and numerous kinds of diseases.

National level alcoholism contributes to the execution of 5th cycles of national discipline for Israel [Isaiah 28:1-9, Joel 1:4-].

National level alcoholism and carnality were twin factors that trigger the wrath of God against Judah [Jeremiah 13:12-17].

Drunkenness is just a waste of money, time and energy. It is classified as sin in the Bible.

Avoid the danger of being filled with alcohol that destroyed your focus and concentration on Christ [Ephesians 5:18].

The habitual drunk believer fails to use the grace provision for learning and applying Bible doctrine. He fails to use the divine resources for spiritual growth and maturity.

Christ did not advocate social drink when He turned water into wine [John 2:1-11] since wine was part of their daily meal. The real issue is WHO AND WHAT CHRIST IS and not the wine.