

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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FACTS ABOUT ALCOHOL

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A NARCOTIC.

1. It is the number one drug problem in this country.
2. It claims at least 100,000 lives every year, 25 times as many as illegal drugs combined.
3. No logical, rational thinking person can deny the destructive nature of alcohol.

NOT MENTIONED BY ALCOHOL INDUSTRY.

1. It is associated with most crimes.
 - It is a factor in 70% of all murders.
 - It is a factor in 50% of all rapes.
 - It is a factor in 60% of all sexual crimes against children.
 - It is a factor in 55% of all arrests.
2. It is a serious safety hazard.
 - It is a factor in 66% of all fatal auto accidents.
 - It is a factor in 53% of all fire deaths.
 - It is a factor in 36% of pedestrian accidents.
 - It is a factor in 22% of all home accidents.
 - It is a factor in 45% of all drownings.

IS IT JUST THE “ABUSE” OF ALCOHOL? Some say, “I drink beer, not liquor”.

1. I believe them. America consumed 6.3 billion gallons of beer last year.

2. 85.5% of all alcohol consumption was in beer in 2005.

3. But what’s the benefit of that? What is positive about that?

80% of drivers arrested for DWI were drinking only beer.

Someone in the U.S. dies every 30 minutes in an alcohol related death (primarily from beer).

Alcohol related car crashes cost an estimated \$44 billion annually.

Someone in the U.S. dies every 50 minutes in an alcohol related death (primarily from beer).

There never has been an alcoholic who didn’t take that first drink!

WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT SOCIAL DRINKING?

Our government has tried in every way possible to legislate tobacco out of existence. But our government has not touched the alcohol problem which is many times more deadly and costly to people than tobacco ever was or ever will be!

Moreover, our government has deemed that stores that sell alcohol and marijuana are “necessary”!

One explanation given was that too many people are addicted to these drugs and it would place an unnecessary

hardship on those who are dealing with their addictions (*Newsweek*, April 18, 2020).

Another explanation given was that it falls under the “food and agricultural” category.

“This category includes groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retailers that sell human food, animal or pet food, and beverage products. Restaurants with carryout or delivery service fall into this category as well. Liquor stores obviously sell beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. They often also sell snack foods. Many states allow convenience stores to sell alcohol. Mystery solved” (*Psychology Today*, March 27, 2020). The article went on to point out that the taxes gathered by local, state and federal agencies is significant. It also suggested that the long shadow of the 1920 Prohibition Act is a reason for the decision. Illegal alcohol and drugs can be a real headache for the government to deal with, as the remembrance of Al Capone and his gang is considered.

I’m also sure that the fact that many, if not most, of our government officials drink beer, wine, and liquor.

So it’s up to you to keep in mind the dangers of alcohol, and to share the facts to warn others!

THE BIBLE AND DRINKING

John Edwards

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

Proverbs 21:17, “He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.”

Proverbs 23:21, “For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.”

Proverbs 23:29-35, “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 color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea,

thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.”

Isaiah 5:11, “Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!”

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

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.”

Hosea 4:11, “Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.”

Habakkuk 2:15, “Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour

drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!”

Romans 13:13, “Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? ...nor drunkards...”

Galatians 5:19-21, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these... drunkenness...”

Ephesians 5:18, “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.”

1 Timothy 3:3, “Not given to wine...”

1 Peter 4:3, “For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.”

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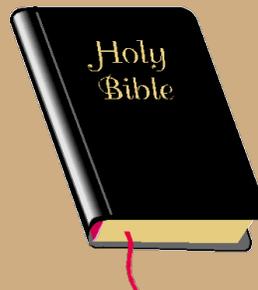
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