

35. What is one of the best set of Scriptures to show that wine in the Bible may NOT be alcoholic?

John 2:1-10

24. In the Scriptures just referenced (Luke 12:22-34), what is the attitude Jesus mentioned when one has a materialistic desires? worry, anxiety

27. What are 3 things that "chokes the word" according to Mark 4:7, 18-19?

worries of the world
 deceitfulness of riches
 desires for other things

28. What is the view of life commended in Eccl. 5:18-20? Is this view contrary to Jesus' teachings?

• Enjoy oneself in one's labor.

• No. Eccl. viewpoint under sun. Jesus warnings looking toward spiritual reward and priorities.

30. Why does God give us things according to 1 Tim. 6:17-19?

To enjoy

Wine in the Bible May Not be Intoxicating. John 2:1-10

1 And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

- 2 and Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the wedding.
- 3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."
- 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the headwaiter." And they took it to him.

 Does the text say those at this feast had "drunk freely"?

NO - STATING A CUSTOM, EVERY MAN.

9 And when the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,

10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when men have drunk freely, then that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now."

Wine in the Bible May Not be Intoxicating.

Gen. 49:10-12

10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

11 He ties his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes are dull from wine, And his teeth white from milk.

- Is the wine intoxicating?
 Underline the text supporting your answer.
- What phrase is parallel to "His eyes are dull from wine"? Does this second phrase picture a red-eyed drunk?

NO. ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

Wine in the Bible May Not be Intoxicating.

Luke 5:36-39

36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

37 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.

38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

39 "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough."" • Is the new wine intoxicating?

MAYBE NOT. WHY WOULD THE OLD WINE BE PREFERRED.

- Underline the text supporting your answer.
- Is the old wine intoxicating?.



Wine in the Bible May Not be Intoxicating.

Acts 2:13-15

13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

- While some in the audience were indeed insinuating the apostles were drunk, what in the text indicates "sweet wine" may not necessarily refer to an intoxicating beverage?
 - Based on Peter's response, if the wine was intoxicating, what was its potency?

WEAK BECAUSE SPEAKING RATIONAL IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Is Moderate Use Okay?

I Tim. 3:8

8 Deacons likewise must be... not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

Eccl. 7:17

17 Do not be excessively wicked...

I Pet. 4:4

4 ... you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation...

- Some conclude that since God specifically forbade the excessive use of intoxicants (drunkenness, "much wine"), moderate use is okay.
 - Mark the words in each verse that refer to excess.
 - Apply this reasoning to the scriptures on the left. If this reasoning is valid, are wickedness, dissipation, and sordid gain okay in moderation?



Drug Abuse

OBJECTIVE:

URGE CHRISTIANS TO BEWARE OF AND AVOID DRUG ABUSE EITHER ILLEGAL OR PRESCRIBED.

Definitions

"Drug"

"1. any substance used as a medicine or as an ingredient in medicine.

"3. a narcotic, hallucinogen, etc., esp. one that is habitforming" Webster's New World Dict., 1982.

Definitions

Drug Abuse "Use of drugs for nonmedical reasons in an attempt to influence the body and mind, to alter the emotions, change the senses, or escape reality."

2 Co 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. • Highlight the two parts of man and underline in same color what is happening to each.

Matt. 13:15

15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM.

John 6:44-45

44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

Rom. 12:1-2

1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Eph. 4:23-24

23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

| Pet. 1:13

13 Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Heb. 8:10

10 "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM UPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

To ruin the mind's ability to function as God designed it is to seal the doom of one's present and eternal destiny!

Eternal Consequences.

Gal. 5:19,21

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

- These passages were used in the Lesson on Drinking.
- Which phrase would include drug abuse, though not specifically mentioned?

<u>Characteristics of Drunkenness Similar to</u> <u>Drug Abuse.</u>

Gen. 9:20

20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

Prov. 23:33a

33 Your eyes will see strange things, ...

Prov. 23:33b

33 ... And your mind will utter perverse things.

• Highlight the characteristics of drunkedness in the following 7 Scriptures.

<u>Characteristics of Drunkenness Similar to</u> <u>Drug Abuse.</u>

Prov. 23:34

34 And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea, Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.

• Highlight the characteristics of drunkedness in the following 7 Scriptures.

Prov. 23:35

35 "They struck me, but I did not become ill; They beat me, but I did not know it

Ps. 107:27

27 They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And were at their wits' end..

lsa. 19:14

14 The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of distortion; They have led Egypt astray in all that it does, As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.