

Drug Abuse

OBJECTIVE:

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

A Depriving Environment

Eph. 2:2-3

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

- Highlight the evil associates and the evil practices in both Scriptures.

I Cor. 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

Lowers Inhibitions

2 Tim. 2:22

22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

• Highlight how is Timothy to treat lusts?

1 Pet. 5:8

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

• Highlight what is the Christian exhorted to do and why?

Other Consequences

I Pet. 2:13-14

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

- According to these passages, what is another consequence of drug abuse.

ILLEGAL

Other Consequences

Eph. 5:24-25

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

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Eph. 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

DISRUPTIVE TO FAMILY
REALTIONSHPIS:

HUSBAND/WIFE

PARENTS/CHILDREN

OTHER FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

**THERE IS A DANGER OF
EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS OR
TAKING TOO MANY PRESCRIBED
DRUGS. THESE IN INCLUDE PHYSICAL
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ADDICTION,
DAMAGE TO YOUR MIND AND LIFE,
DAMAGING YOUR CHARACTER, AND
MOST IMPORTANTLY RISKING YOUR
ETERNAL DESTINY.**

**DRUGS WILL MAKE A PERSON
CONTEMPTIBLE IN LIFE, MISERABLE IN
DEATH AND WRETCHED IN ETERNITY!**

THE BETTER ALTERNATIVE:

- “DO NOT GET DRUNK w/ WINE ...
BE FILLED WITH SPIRIT”, EPH. 5:18,19.
- “GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL
THINGS” I TIM. 4:7,8.

“The Long Arms of Worldliness”



Why This Study?

- INCREASE OUR ALERTNESS.
 - ◆ “Be on the Alert Your Adversary ...”, 1 Pet. 5:8.
- REPENT OF EVIL INFLUENCES.
 - ◆ “I live among a people of unclean lips...”, Isa. 6:5,7.
- STAYING SAVED.
 - ◆ “Work out your salvation...” Phil. 2:12.

Objectives

- IDENTIFY WORLDLINESS IN OUR LIVES.
- DEVELOP & EXECUTE PLAN OF REPENTANCE.
- ANSWER REVIEW QUESTIONS.
- SATISFY LESSON PLAN.

Review

1. Why are we studying Worldliness?
 1. Increase our alertness.
 2. Repent of our evil influences.
 3. Stay saved.

2. What is the definition of Worldliness and the Scripture we are using to define this word?

Practices, desires and attitudes of the world that are ungodly.

Tit. 2:12

3. What did Isaiah admit to God before accepting his call?

I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips.

4. What is the implication of evil companions in 1 Cor. 15:33?

Influence and can impact people.

5. What does Phil. 2:12 teach us about our salvation?

Requires work and the right attitude (fear and trembling)

6. Where does Jesus state that His Apostles were “not of the world”?

John 17:14-21

7. Who is the “world” in these passages?

People who are unbelievers, not earth, not universe.

8. Were the disciples “in the world”? Are we?

Yes, vs. 15, 18.

9. Were the disciples “of the world”?
Are we?

No, vs. 14, 16.

10. What does “of the world” mean?

Doing the practices of the world that are sinful that the evil one would condone.

15 "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

11. What is the world in Eph. 2:2?

World of ungodly men.

12. When the Ephesians were “of the world” what 3 things determined their choices in life?

1. Course of this world.
2. Prince of the power of air.
3. Thinking of sons of disobedience.

13. What was the Ephesians condition when they “of the world”?

Dead spiritually due to their trespasses and sins.

14. In 1 Pet. 1:14-19, who molded these peoples “way of life” when they were “of the world” and why did they do this?

- forefathers
- inherited (tradition, their norm)

15. In I Pet. 1:14-19, what is to be the norm of their lives?

Be holy as written by the Holy One,
vs. 15-16

16. In Tit. 2:1, 10-14, what are 3 things that God's people are instructed to do?

- 1) deny ungodliness & worldly desires
- 2) live sensibly, righteously and godly
- 3) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of God

17. List the 10 principals to determine whether something is right or wrong and its associated Scriptures.

1. Is it sinful — Gal. 5:17-25, 1 John 3:4, 5:17
2. Is it doubtful — Rom. 2:15, 14:23, 1 Cor. 8:11-13
3. Is it a stumbling block — Matt. 18:5-7, 10, Rom. 14:13,15
4. Does it stir lust — Rom. 13:13-14
5. Does it involve associations that lead to sin — Prov. 1:15, 13:20, 22:24-25, 1 Cor. 5:6, 15:33

6. Is it honorable — Rom. 12:17, 1 Cor. 10:30-33
7. Have you put Christ first — Matt. 6:33, Phil. 3:8
8. Is it an act of love — Rom. 12:9, 13:8-10
9. Is it lawful (civil) - 1 Pet. 2:13-17
10. Does it cause you to have a share in what is sinful — 1 Cor. 10:14-21

18. What contrast do we see between God and the Devil in these Scriptures: Deut. 7:9 and John 8:44?

Lying/Deception vs. Truth/Faithfulness

19. According to John 8:39 and 42, what two things does a child of God do?

1. do the deeds of Abraham.
2. Love Me (JC)

20. List several people who were dishonest in the Bible.

Cain, Abraham, Jacob, David, Lawyer, Ananias & Sapphira, Rich Men who withheld wages (Jam. 5:4)

21. What are some reasons why people are dishonest?

Peer Pressure; Norms of friends, society; one's own appetite, pride, ignorance.

22. How would you define greed according to Luke 12:15-21?

Desire for things that becomes so strong that it crowds out spiritual priorities.

23. What are 4 reasons Jesus gave for warning against materialism in Luke 12:22-34?

1 - vv. 21-22 not rich toward God

2 - vv. 23-28 life consists more of things

3 - vv. 29-33 nations seek it

4 - v. 34 heart devoted to it

24. In the Scriptures just referenced, what is the attitude Jesus mentioned when one has a materialistic desires?

worry, anxiety

25. In Matt. 6:19-24, what does the eye represent and what does it mean by “if your eye is clear”?

- eye = mental faculties which apprehends divine truth and guides our life.
- eye clear = to be mentally honest, think clearly based on truth and honesty.

26. In Luke 12:35-40, what is the family of words mentioned and what threatens it?

- ready” family of words
- materialism

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

- 1) worries of the world
- 2) deceitfulness of riches
- 3) 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.

29. What is evil in the just referenced Scripture (Eccl. 5:18-20)?

Not enjoying the fruit of your labor.

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

To enjoy

31. What is the phrase in Gal. 5:19,21 that states the consequences for those involved with drunkenness and carousing?

Shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

32. In 1 Pet. 4:3-5, what things make it difficult to abstain from drunkenness, carousals and drinking parties?

1. having pursued (past history).
2. surprised that you do not run with them (peer pressure).
3. malign you.

33. What are some characteristics of those who drink alcoholic wine according to Prov. 23:29-35?

1. woe
2. sorrow
3. contentions
4. complaining
5. wounds w/o cause
6. eyes see strange things
7. mind utter perverse things
8. strike me but I did not become ill
9. beat me but I did not know it
10. when shall I awake
11. seek another drink

34. Drinking affect having an active and capable mind. According to Rom. 12:2, how are we transformed as Christians and for what purpose?

1. Renewing of your mind.
2. Prove what the will of God is.

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

36. Some say that since the Bible only forbids excess use of alcohol, then it is OK for moderate use. How would you answer and what Scriptures would you use?

- Using this reasoning, one could argue it is OK to be wicked or be a squanderer.
- Eccl. 7:17 “Do not be excessively wicked”
- 1 Pet. 4:4 “you do not run with them into the same excess of dissipation”

37. Drug abuse affects the mind.
According to Matt. 13:15, what two vital functions does the mind play in our salvation?

- 1. Understand 2. Return (repent)

38. If someone is abusing drugs, how can God “put my laws into their minds” (Heb. 8:10)?

Difficult if not impossible. Need clear minds to hear and believe God’s Laws.

39. What are the eternal consequences of drug abuse and what phrase in Gal. 5:19,21 includes drug abuse?

1. Not inherit the kingdom of God.
2. “practice such things”

40. Drug abuse can be destructive to the conscience. What 3 things why the Gentiles (worldly unbelievers) were excluded from the life of God?

1. ignorance
2. hardness of their heart
3. become callous

41. What can happen to our faith if we ruin our conscience thru drug abuse according to 1 Tim. 1:18-19?

- “shipwreck”