



**Should A Believer Drink Alcohol?
Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:29:35**

- 70 % of American's have drank alcohol in the past year.
- 27% of American's are binge drinkers (drink excessively).
- 88,000 people die from alcohol related injuries each year.
- In 2010 alcohol misuse cost the United States 249 billion dollars. (According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse)

"Today there are more than 40 million problem drinkers in America. Alcohol is the #1 drug problem among teenagers. One in 3 American families suspects that one or more family members having a drinking problem." -Dr. Danny Akin

1. Drunkenness is sin.

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit". Ephesians 5:19

"And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brethren." And he said: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant." Gen. 9:20-27

2. Drinking is unwise

"Moderation is not the cure for the liquor problem. Moderation is the cause of the liquor problem. Becoming an alcoholic does not begin with the last drink, it always begins with the first. Just leave it alone." -Dr. Adrian Rogers

5 Problems with Drinking Alcohol:

1. Definition problem (vs. 29-32)

“Therefore, Christians ought not drink wine, beer, or other alcoholic beverages, for they are actually ‘strong drink,’ and are forbidden in Scripture. Even ancient pagans did not drink what some Christians drink today.” -Norman Geisler

2. **Eye problem (vs. 33a)**
3. **Speech problem (vs. 33b)**
4. **Feeling problem (vs. 34-35)**
5. **Addiction problem (vs. 35)**

5 Reasons I Do Not Drink Alcoholic Beverages:

1. **Alcoholism is a generational sin in many homes.**

“For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.” Deuteronomy 5:9

2. **It doesn’t take much alcohol to make a person intoxicated.**
3. **We have plenty of other choices.**
4. **It is no longer needed for medicinal purposes.**
5. **It is a bad influence.**

*“But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.”
1 Corinthians 8:9*

“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.” Romans 14:12-13

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13