

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...

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Introduction

Prologue

Once we are born again, we leave behind our old sinful nature. But this does not mean that we are free from sexual temptations, or that we are automatically free from addictions to drugs such as alcohol. But in our new nature, and especially through the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT and the Bible, we learn how to enjoy sex and alcohol within the biblical limits. Once we learn this, we can turn something that the world enjoys as addictive and as drugs, into something which can indeed be a blessing.

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Comments	Scripture	
<p>Alcohol is rather meant to be a gift, but can quickly lead you astray. A Christian should NEVER be drunk and should know, but never experience his limits.</p> <p>The Bible describes 'too much' through terms such as 'becoming drunk', 'excess / riotous' (Strong's G810), 'filling ourselves', 'indulging', 'staggering', 'trembling'.</p>	A poor man loves mirth, loving wine and oil in abundance; and a transgressor is the abomination of a righteous man.	Pro 21:17
	Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles on the cup, going down smoothly. In the end, it will bite like a serpent, and it will sting like an adder. Your eyes will see strange things , and your heart will speak perverse things . And you will be like him who lies down in the heart of the sea, and like him who lies down on top of a mast. "They struck me; I was not hurt. They beat me; I did not know it. When I will awake, I will continue ; I will seek it again."	Pro 23:30-35
	Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine , and valiant men in mixing strong drink ...	Isa 5:22
	Wine and new wine take away the understanding.	Hos 4:11
	All things to me are lawful, but all things are not profitable ; all things to me are lawful, but all things do not build up ...	1Cor 10:23
Wine / Strong Drink		
<p>Strong's G3631, OINOC, oinos, A primary word (or perhaps of Hebrew origin [H3196]); "wine" (literally or figuratively): - wine.</p> <p>Strong's H3196, yayin, From an unused root meaning to effervesce; wine (as fermented); by implication intoxication: - banqueting, wine, wine [-bibber].</p>	And Noe began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard. And he drank of the wine , and was drunk, and was naked in his house. And Cham the father of Chanaan saw the nakedness of his father, and he went out and told his two brothers outside. And Sem and Japheth having taken a garment, put it on both their backs and went backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their face was backward, and they saw not the nakedness of their father. And Noe recovered from the wine , and knew all that his younger son had done to him. And he said, Cursed be the servant Chanaan, a slave shall he be to his brethren.	Gen 9:20-25
	[Old Covenant Nazirite Laws] he will abstain from wine and fermented drink; he will not drink wine vinegar or vinegar of fermented drink; he will not drink the fruit juice of grapes [clear differentiation to alcoholic drink] or eat fresh or dry grapes.	Num 6:3
	Ah! Those who rise early in the morning, they pursue strong drink. Those who linger in the evening, wine inflames them. They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of KYRIOS, or see the work of His hands.	Isa 5:11-12
<p>Strong's H7941, shêkâr, From H7937; an intoxicant, that is, intensely alcoholic liquor: - strong drink, + drunkard, strong wine.</p>	Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and any who go astray by it are not wise.	Pro 20:1
	"Come, let me take wine, and let us carouse with intoxicating drink , and tomorrow will be like today, very great indeed."	Isa 56:12
Drinking Sessions		
<p>Strong's H5435, sôbe', From H5433; potation, concretely (wine), or abstractly (carousal): - drink, drunken, wine.</p>	When their drinking has ended, they surely indulge in sexual orgies. They love lewdness more than their glory.	Hos 4:18
<p>Strong's G3632, oinophlugia, An overflow (or surplus) of wine, that is, vinolency (drunkenness): - excess of wine.</p>	For, sufficient, is the bygone time - to have wrought out, the will of the nations, having gone on in wanton ways, covetings, wine-drinkings , revellings, drinking-bouts, and impious idolatries ...	1Pet 4:3
Drunkenness		
<p>Strong's H7910, shikkôr, From H7937; intoxicated, as a state or a habit: - drunk (-ard, -en, -en man).</p>	Now Hannah had been speaking in her heart; her lips were moving , but her voice could not be heard , so Eli considered her to be drunk .	1Sam 1:13
	KYRIOS has mixed a spirit of confusion into her midst, and they have caused Egypt to stagger in all of its doings, as when a drunkard staggers in his vomit .	Isa 19:14
	... All my bones tremble . I have become like a drunken man , even like a man over whom wine has passed ...	Jer 23:9
<p>Strong's H7937, shâkar, A primitive root; to become tipsy; in a qualified sense, to satiate with a stimulating drink or (figuratively) influence. (Superlative of H8248.): - (be filled with) drink (abundantly), (be, make) drunk (-en), be merry.</p>	..."How long will you behave like someone who is drunk ? Put away your wine!"	1Sam 1:14
	Woe to him who gives a drink to his neighbors, pouring out your wrath and also making them drunk in order to see their nakedness!	Hab 2:15
<p>Strong's G3178, methê, Apparently a primary word; an intoxicant, that is, (by implication) intoxication: - drunkenness.</p>	Let us live decently, as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness , not in sexual immorality and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy.	Rom 13:13
<p>Strong's G3182 - G3184, methuskô, A prolonged (transitive) form of G3184; to intoxicate: - be drunk (-en).</p>	Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are [...] drunkenness [...] the ones who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of THEOS.	Gal 5:19-21
	And do not be drunk with wine (in which is dissipation), but be filled by the SPIRIT ...	Eph 5:18
	... those who get drunk , are drunken at night.	1The 5:7
Drun kard / Winebibber		
<p>Strong's H5433, sâbâ', A primitive root; to quaff to satiety, that is, become tipsy: - drunkard, fill self, Sabean, [wine-] bibber.</p>	... "This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he does not obey us, and he is a glutton and a drunkard ."	Deu 21:20
	Be not among winebibbers ; Among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty ...	Pro 23:20-21
	Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine , and we will fill ourselves with strong drink ; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.	Isa 56:12
<p>Strong's G3630, oinopotês, A tippler: - winebibber.</p>	The SON of man came eating and drinking, and they say: Behold, a man, glutton and wine-drinker , fond of tax collectors and sinners.	Mat 11:19
<p>Strong's G3183, methusos, From G3184; tipsy, that is, (as noun) a sot: - drunkard.</p>	... not to associate with any so-called brother, if he is a fornicator or a greedy person or an idolater or an abusive person or a drunkard or a swindler - with such a person not even to eat.	1Cor 5:11
	... not drunkards , not abusive persons, not swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of THEOS.	1Cor 6:10



	Comments	Scripture
Alcohol In The Church & Family	Church leaders cannot be addicted to alcohol and are not allowed to drink any alcohol before a church service.	Then KYRIOS spoke to Aaron [the Priest], saying, “You and your sons with you may not drink wine or strong drink when you come to the tent of assembly , so that you will not die ... <i>Lev 10:8-9</i>
	Some churches do extend this rule to an over all prohibition of alcohol for their leaders, but this is adding to the Bible what is not stipulated by THEOS.	And no priest shall drink wine when they come into the inner courtyard. <i>Eze 44:21</i>
		The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires to supervision, he desires a good work. Therefore the overseer must be irreproachable, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, skillful in teaching, not addicted to wine [clearly used in the sense of 'moderation', not as over-all 'prohibition' as often interpreted; other translations include 'not intemperate in the use of wine' (ABP); G3943 paroinos From G3844 and G3631; staying near wine, that is, tippling (a toper): – given to wine;] ... <i>1Tim 3:1-2</i>
		Deacons likewise must be dignified, not insincere, not devoted to much wine ... <i>1Tim 3:8</i>
	Care for others, be tolerant and do everything for the glory of THEOS.	The one who eats must not despise the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat must not judge the one who eats, because THEOS has accepted him . <i>Rom 14:3</i>
		It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine or to do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is weakened . <i>Rom 14:21</i>
Therefore, whether you eat or you drink or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of THEOS . <i>1Cor 10:30-32</i>		
No alcohol while being pregnant!	So then, be careful and do not drink wine or strong drink, and do not eat anything unclean, because you will conceive and bear a son. <i>Idg 13:4</i>	
Positive Passages	We are to moderately enjoy alcohol.	And Melchizedek, the king of Salem, brought out bread and wine . (He was the priest of THEOS Most High). And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by THEOS Most High ... <i>Gen 14:18-19</i>
		You will present a third of the liquid measure of wine for the libation, a fragrance of appeasement for KYRIOS. <i>Num 15:7</i>
		You may spend the money for anything that you desire, for oxen or for sheep or for wine or for strong drink or for anything that you desire, and you shall eat it there before KYRIOS your THEOS, and you shall rejoice , you and your household. <i>Deu 14:26</i>
		You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and their wine abound. <i>Psa 4:7</i>
		... and wine that makes glad the heart of man, so that their faces shine from oil, and bread that strengthens the heart of man. <i>Psa 104:15</i>
		And on this mountain KYRIOS of hosts will make for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of aged wines , fat filled with marrow, filtered aged wine. <i>Isa 25:6</i>
		For John the Baptist has come not eating bread or drinking wine , and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ The SON of Man has come eating and drinking , and you say, ‘Behold, a man who is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of ... sinners!’ <i>Luk 7:33-34</i>
		“Everyone serves the good wine first, and whenever they are drunk , the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” <i>Joh 2:10</i>
	Wine for medical reasons and for special occasions.	Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress. He will drink and forget his poverty, and his misery he will not remember any more. <i>Pro 31:6</i>
		Thus says KYRIOS, Enter not into their mourning feast, and go not to lament, and mourn not for them: for I have removed my peace from this people. They shall not bewail them, nor make cuttings for them, and they shall not shave themselves for them: and there shall be no bread broken in mourning for them for consolation over the dead: they shall not give one to drink a cup for consolation over his father or his mother . <i>Jer 16:6</i>
[Speaking to Paul:] (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach and your frequent illnesses.) <i>1Tim 5:23</i>		

