

LIES MEN
BELIEVE: “ONE
DRINK WON’T
HURT ME”

Habakkuk 2:15-17





LATEST GALLUP POLL

- Teens named alcohol as one of the three most serious problems facing their generation – drugs and sex were the other two.
- 1/3 of high school students admit to getting drunk at least once a month.
- 1.3 million young people between 12 and 17 have a severe drinking problem.



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- Alcohol use among teens is up 90% over the last three years.
- According to Department of Health and Human Services 45% of 4th and 5th graders on the west coast consider themselves as “continuing users” of alcohol.
- Alcohol remains the #1 killer of teen lives in the US.



STATISTA MAY 19, 2019

- Last year, the alcohol industry made \$249,000,000.
- From 2011, the sales of alcohol have increased 25%.
- Since 2010, spirits have gathered an additional 10 percent of the alcohol market while beer has lost the same amount over that time.



CONSIDER THIS: IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS...

- alcohol will be responsible for nearly half of all...
- ... the homicides.
- ...the people who will die on the highway.
- ...the people in boating accidents
- ...the people who will be admitted to the hospital.
- ...the people who will be incarcerated in jail or prison.
- ...the people who will be arrested for domestic violence.
- ...the people who will be born with birth defects.



1. DRUNKENNESS IS A SIN

- Genesis 9:21
- Leviticus 10:9-11
- Galatians 5:19-21
- Ephesians 5:15-18
 - 1 Peter 4:3



2. ALCOHOL IS A POWERFULLY ADDICTIVE DRUG

- There are over 19 million alcoholics in America today, and rising. They, by far, outnumber the addicts of any other drug” (Statista, May 19, 2019).
- Abraham Lincoln once said, “Alcohol has many defenders, but no defense.”
- “People who drink to drown their sorrow should be told that sorrow knows how to swim.” Ann Landers

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- Proverbs 23:29-35, “Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? ³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. ³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; ³² At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. ³³ Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. ³⁴ Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: ³⁵ “They have struck me, *but* I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel *it*. When shall I awake, that I may seek another *drink?*”



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- Joel 3:3, They have cast lots for My people, have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.”

3. ALCOHOL RUINS YOUR LIFE/INFLUENCE/EXAMPLE

- Shakespeare once said, “O that men would put an enemy in their mouths, to steal their brains away.”
- “If there's an alcoholic parent in the family, there's a 50 percent chance one of the children will become an alcoholic. If there are two alcoholic parents, it's an 85 percent chance.” Time Magazine

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, pressing *him to your bottle*, even to make *him* drunk, That you may look on his nakedness! ¹⁶ You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised! The cup of the Lord’s right hand *will* be turned against you, and utter shame will be on your glory. ¹⁷ For the violence *done to Lebanon* will cover you, And the plunder of beasts *which* made them afraid, Because of men’s blood and the violence of the land *and* the city, and of all who dwell in it.”
- Habakkuk 2:15-17



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
- Romans 14:13, “Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.’ It’s never enough to say, “It doesn’t hurt me” or “I don’t see anything wrong with it.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- Romans 14:20-21, “All food is clean. I can eat what I want and drink what I want.’ But it is wrong to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. I am free, (*Paul says,*) but not free to do what I please without regard to my brother. Here’s the bottom line: It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.”

4. “ONE DRINK WON’T HURT ME”

- MOST OFTEN USED JUSTIFICATIONS TO DRINK
- “Drunkenness is a sin.”
- “Jesus turned water into wine in the Bible.” John 2:1-12
- “Paul told Timothy to drink wine.” 1 Timothy 5:23



ZIG ZIGLAR QUOTE

- “Authorities know that approximately one in sixteen people who ever take a social drink will become an alcoholic! Would you even step one foot on an airplane if you knew there was a one in 16 chance that it would crash and end your life? (Actually, the odds for a commercial airliner crashing are closer to one in a million—but even with those odds some people will not fly. Yet many of these same people will take a drink!).”

5. ALCOHOL WILL KILL YOU

- “DUI – Dying Under the Influence.”
- “Half of all murders are alcohol related.”
Time Magazine
- “Only one ounce of alcohol increases the time required to make a decision by nearly 10 percent; hinders muscular reaction by 17 percent; increases errors due to lack of attention by 35 percent.” Paul Harvey
- Chinese Proverb, “First the man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man.”



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- Galatians 6:7-8, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22, “Test all things; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.”



A MEMBER OF AA LETTER TO ANN LANDERS

- We drank for happiness and became unhappy.
- We drank for joy and became miserable.
- We drank for sociability and became argumentative.
- We drank for sophistication and became obnoxious.
- We drank for friendship and made enemies.
- We drank for strength and felt weak.
- We drank "medicinally" and acquired health problems.
- We drank for relaxation and got the shakes.



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- We drank for bravery and became afraid.
- We drank for confidence and became doubtful.
- We drank to make conversation easier and slurred our speech.
- We drank to forget and were forever haunted.
- We drank for freedom and became slaves.
- We drank to erase problems and saw them multiply.
- We drank to cope with life and invited death.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- 1. Talk about it
- 2. Educate, Educate, Educate
- 3. Model, Model, Model
- 4. Be There, Listen and Watch
- 5. Make the Church a Place to Belong
- 6. Avoid the Traps – Friends, Parties, etc.
- 7. Consider the Consequences
- 8. Don't Give Up
- 9. There is Forgiveness – Jesus Still Heals!

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

Will We Obeying The Gospel?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

Will We Be Restored To Church If Unfaithful?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)