

## WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT “DRINKING”?

TEXT: *Amos 2:11-12:*

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<sup>12</sup> *But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.*

### INTRODUCTION

God’s ministers are required to hold the highest standard of holiness before the congregation. The Lord calls on His servants to be total abstainers from wine or strong drink. I shall be sharing with you many scriptures to bare out this fact apart from this text. Here, God reproves the Children of Israel.

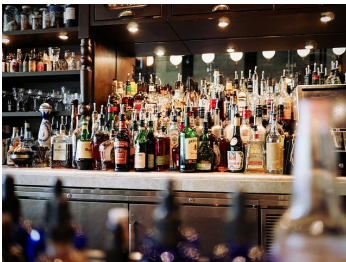
Some professing Christians have cautioned me to let up on the drink question. They say: “A little social drink is alright, especially good wines which are not intoxicating.” They say: “Moderate drinking won’t hurt anybody.” **This is the devil’s lie. It is a compromise with satan, and leads to the acquiring of the drink habit.**



God’s Word says to preachers — NO WINE OR STRONG DRINK, and NO means NO! WE must be teetotalers.

### ILLUSTRATION

#### Alcohol — What It Is and What It Does by Dr. Tiffany



“The ethyl alcohol in beer, wine, whiskey, gin and rum is a narcotic, poisonous, habit-forming drug which beclouds the mind, depresses the nerves, distorts the vision, retards reaction, and releases the inhibitions.

Alcohol is a brain poison; it is as much a poison as arsenic or strychnine. Each poison likes some part of the body more than others. Arsenic goes to the stomach and intestines, strychnine to the spinal cord, and alcohol to the brain. The maker of alcohol makes poison, the seller sells poison, and to die

drunk is to die poisoned.”

## ILLUSTRATION

### Dr. Henderson of Brighton Alcoholic Clinic (Brighton Michigan)

“51% of all alcoholics wind up in mental institutions, and most of them are hopelessly incurable. Alcohol is a poison which deteriorates the mind and brain cells. Because the public is unaware of its consequences, they start out as moderate drinkers, never intending to go to the extreme of becoming alcoholics.”



**DR. JESUS** — Now, let me refer you to what Dr. Jesus says about it.

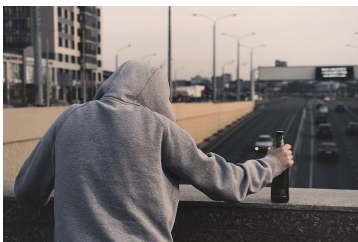
***Proverbs 20:1: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.***

**Drinking wine causes redness of eyes, sorrow, contentions, and strife.**

***Proverbs 23:29-30:***

***<sup>29</sup> Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?***

***<sup>30</sup> They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.***



***Isaiah 24:9, 11:***

***<sup>9</sup> They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.***

***<sup>11</sup> There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.***

**Drinking causes people to error**

***Isaiah 28:7: But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.***

**Drinking can cause Adultery.**

***Proverbs 23:33: Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.***

**Drinking causes people to backslide.**

***Hosea 4:11: Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.***

**Drinking causes people to disregard the work of God.**

***Isaiah 5:11-12:***

***<sup>11</sup> Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!***

***<sup>12</sup> And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of His hands.***

**Drinking causes shame.**

***Habakuk 2:15-16:***

***<sup>15</sup> Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!***

***<sup>16</sup> Thou are filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the Lord's right Hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.***



**Further, Jesus has commanded total abstinence for ministers.**

***Leviticus 10:9-10:***

***<sup>9</sup> Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the Tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:***

***<sup>10</sup> And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;***

***Numbers 6:3: He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he***



***drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.***

***Judges 13:7: But He said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.***

***Proverbs 23:31: Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.***



***Jeremiah 35:2-19:***

***<sup>2</sup> Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the House of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.***

***<sup>3</sup> Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;***

***<sup>4</sup> And I brought them into the House of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:***

***<sup>5</sup> And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.***

***<sup>6</sup> But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:***

***<sup>7</sup> Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.***

***<sup>8</sup> Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;***

***<sup>9</sup> Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:***

***<sup>10</sup> But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.***

***<sup>11</sup> But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up***

***into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.***

***12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,***

***13 Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to My words? saith the LORD.***

***14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto Me.***



***15 I have sent also unto you all My servants the Prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto Me.***

***16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which He commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto Me:***

***17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.***

***18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:***

***19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before Me for ever.***

***Ezekiel 44:21: Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.***

**Habakuk 2:15: Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!**

**Amos 2:11-12:**

**<sup>11</sup> And I raised up of your sons for Prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye Children of Israel? saith the LORD.**

**<sup>12</sup> But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the Prophets, saying, Prophecy not.**

**Luke 1:15: For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.**

**1 Timothy 3:3: Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;**

**Titus 1:7: For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;**

### **Exception to the total abstinence rule, and why.**

**1 Timothy 5:23: Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.**

This Scripture tells us how much (a little) and reveals that Timothy had stomach trouble, probably caused by contaminated water.

### **Preachers who disobey are reproved.**

**Isaiah 56:10-12:**

**<sup>10</sup> His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.**

**<sup>11</sup> Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.**

**<sup>12</sup> Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.**





Those who try to justify their drinking by using this scripture as a coverup, or an excuse for their bad habit, either can't read or don't know what A LITTLE means!

If they can read and still insist on justifying themselves by this Scripture passage, then I have never seen so many folks with stomach trouble in my life! (For that is the reason for this exception to the rule. The water, there, was contaminated as we experienced while there.)



Dr. Johnson comments on **“Drink a little wine”** – *“I can't drink a little, therefore, I leave it alone. Abstaining is easier for me than trying to use temperance which is more difficult.”*

*“Don't you ever drink?”* asked a friendly host to his friend. *“Are you afraid of it?”* *“No!”* *“I'm afraid my example won't benefit the weak,”* was his reply.

### **Ministers falsely accused of drinking.**

**Matthew 11:19:** [Jesus] ***The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.***

**Acts 2:13-15:** The Apostles

<sup>13</sup> ***Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.***



<sup>14</sup> ***But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:***

<sup>15</sup> ***For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.***

### **No wine or strong drink applies to believers, too.**

NOTICE THIS!

**Daniel 5:2-3:**

<sup>2</sup> ***Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.***

<sup>3</sup> ***Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the***

***temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.  
1 Corinthians 3:16: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?***

***1 Corinthians 6:19-20:***

***<sup>19</sup> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, which ye have of God, and are not your own?***

***<sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's***

Hannah was accused by the priest Eli of being drunk in church, but she corrected his error in judgment by saying.

***1 Samuel 1:12-16:***

***<sup>12</sup> And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.***

***<sup>13</sup> Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.***

***<sup>14</sup> And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.***

***<sup>15</sup> And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.***

***<sup>16</sup> Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.***

Hannah felt that those same restrictions which God placed on Samson's mother applied to her too. She felt, "What's good for the gander is good for the goose also."

**METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE and the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Valley Forge, PA.**

In a letter which quotes:

"If Alcoholism is a 'disease', then it is the only disease with a known cause that is nationally advertised."



**DR. MICHAEL M. BADEN, DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER for New York City**

As one of the nation's best medical examiners, Dr. Baden said:

*"Half of all Americans who die violently are directly or indirectly victims of alcohol, whether it is auto accidents, drowning, homicides, suicides, falls, or fires."*



**POLICE CHIEF CECIL JOHNSON of Nome, Alaska**

*"99% of this city's crimes are related to alcohol."* The hospitals in Nome report that 99% of their emergency cases involve alcohol.

**BILLY SUNDAY (a great evangelist of his day)**

*"I'm trying to make America so dry, a man will have to be primed to spit."*

**JOHN WESLEY - Oh God, raise up some more like him, declared:**



*"All who sell liquor in the common way, to any who will buy, are poisoners general. They murder His Majesty's subjects by the wholesale; neither does their eye pity nor spare. They drive them to hell like sheep. And what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who then would envy their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them. The curse of God is in their gardens, their groves – a fire that burns in the nethermost hell. Blood, BLOOD is there! The foundation, the floors, the walls, the roof, are stained with blood."*

**THE APOSTLE PAUL said:**

***Romans 14:21: It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.***

Christians in this verse are commanded not to eat with — or even fellowship with — drinkers.

***1 Corinthians 5:11, 13:***

***<sup>11</sup> But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***

***<sup>13</sup> But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.***

Drunkenness brought disgrace to the Corinthian church.

**1 Corinthians 11:20-22:**

***20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.***

***21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.***

***22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.***

**Peter said:**

**1 Peter 1:13-14:**

***13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ;***

***14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:***

***1 Peter 2:11: Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;***

**1 Peter 4:2-3:**

***2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the Will of God.***

***3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:***

***1 Peter 2:5: And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;***

Noah was a preacher of righteousness and he cried out against these sins of drunkenness and adultery, even though they laughed at him and mocked him. Most preachers today are "SHUT MOUTHED" when it comes to crying out against alcohol in any form. This pleases the drinkers and the bartenders. For there is one thing both are perfectly agreed on; that is that a preacher



should stay off the drink question. I believe in preaching all of the Bible, and not just that part which tickles the ears of the people living after the lusts of the flesh. I want to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ with clean hands, free from the blood of all men. If I fail to warn not only the drunkards, but even those who associate with them, then their blood will The Lord require at my hands.

***Matthew 24:49: And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;***

***1 Corinthians 5:11,13:***

***<sup>11</sup> But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***

***<sup>13</sup> But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.***



Paul said:

***Act 20:27: For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.***

I don't know how close I've come to this scripture, but I'm working at it real good. So long as the devil inspires men to advertise and sell this social and moral poison, so long will my voice raise a protest against this body, mind, and soul- damning menace. For every hour, sometimes on the half-hour, and now on the quarter hour, an alluring feminine voice is challenging our generation to drink; and that, along with the gurgling sounds of liquids, are very inviting and produce more of a seducing effect. With all their wiles to make more drinkers, they ought to know that one out of every nine casual drinkers will become an alcoholic.



Then, they have the nerve to call alcoholism a disease!!!! Abominable. That makes my blood boil, and my concern for their soul's salvation to run cold. Here, I'm trying to cure this disease, if you can call it THAT, while these booze barons are spending millions to spread its infection. I'm quite well aware of the fact that all preachers do not share my concern over this blight to humanity of alcoholism. It is largely due to the fact that they have never worked in rescue missions, or with alcoholics suffering with D.T.'s. (Delirium tremens). Just to quote this from Prophecy Monthly:

## LIQUOR STORE BLESSED:

This is the title to the article in the Milwaukee Journal which told how Father Blasé Jerkovich, Pastor of St. Augustine Catholic Church, blessed a liquor store by sprinkling holy water on the premises of the City Liquor Distributors, Inc. Father Cornelius Rovlic, of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, assisted.

Daniel knew that drinking violated the LAW OF GOD; therefore, he purposed not to defile himself with the wine that was placed before him at king Nebuchadnezzar's palace. Preachers!!! Saints!!! What would DEFILE Daniel will defile you!!!

***Daniel 1:8: But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.***



God reprovved and rebuked the children of Israel for offering wine to their ministers:

***Amos 2:11-12:***

***<sup>11</sup> And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.***

***<sup>12</sup> But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.***

It must have curdled God's "Blood", so to speak, to see what took place there in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our bodies are the temples of the living God, if we are saved and born again. The body is sacred; and anything which we knowingly do to harm the body is sin and comes under the sentence of God's judgment.

***1 Corinthians 3:16-17:***

***<sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?***

***<sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are.***

Hosea preached against drink and linked it with vice and immorality when he declared:

**Hosea 4:11: Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.**

Habakkuk preached against it when he thundered:

**Habakkuk 2:15: Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!**

Amos preached against it and predicted that people would seek to muzzle the ministers and prophets on this issue when he declared:

**Amos 2:11-12:**

**<sup>11</sup> And I raised up of your sons for Prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.**

**<sup>12</sup> But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.**

Paul preached against it to king Felix when he “reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and Judgment to come”.

**Acts 24:25: And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.**



I believe that all God’s preachers ought to feel the very same way about this soul and body-destroying habit, TODAY!!! One pussyfooted preacher said: “Well, my people know how I stand on the drink question. It is not necessary for me to preach on it.” That’s a copout for preachers who haven’t got a backbone like a sawlog to cry out against sin. My people know how I stand on BAPTISM, on TITHING, RESTITUTION, THE BLOOD ATONEMENT, REDEMPTION, FAITH IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, RETURN OF OUR LORD, AND JUDGMENT TO COME.”

So, am I not to preach on these subjects either? What about HOLINESS, THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT, SINS OF THE TONGUE, or JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH? Do we refrain from preaching on these marvelous Bible truths just because many of our people are familiar with them? God instructed me in how to preach in:

***Isaiah 28:10: For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:***

God wants me to go over it again and again and again!!! So, if you think this sounds like a broken record, well it's not.

## **SOCIAL DRINKING WITH MODERATION**

Have you advocated the theory, "drinking with moderation won't hurt anybody?" This may win you many friends in the congregation but it won't help your standing with God!!! The Bible puts "***the lust of the flesh***" in the same category with adultery, fornication, stealing, idolatry, hatred, murder, extortion, sedition, covetousness, revellings, and drunkenness.

***Galatians 5:19-21:***

***<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;***

***Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,***

***<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,***

***<sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.***

Here are some questions to ponder:

- 1. Have you ever heard of anyone committing adultery with moderation?**
- 2. Have you ever heard of anyone worshipping idols in moderation?**
- 3. Can you justify a murderer, and wish his sentence lightened because he only murders in moderation?**
- 4. What about coveting with moderation? Does that make it any less a sin?**
- 5. How about stealing with moderation, does that make sense?**
- 6. Have you heard of anyone hating with moderation?**
- 7. Can anyone lie with moderation, and it be accounted any lesser a lie with God?**

None of these things are to have any place in the life of a child of God. They are not to be indulged in at all to any degree. All of them must be totally abandoned, forsaken, and crucified.



***Galatians 5:24: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.***

***Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.***

No part of this verse is to be left out, especially the last part.

The Governor Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma said: *“The liquor interests claim that more liquor is consumed in prohibition states than in wet states. They either are CRAZY, or LYING, or both. If dry states are consuming more liquor than wet states, why are the liquor interests spending millions of dollars trying to make dry states wet?”*

[Note to the reader: The dates for the following statistics of a dry state are not known.]

**DON'T LAUGH AT KANSAS!**

- 1. Kansas has 54 counties without any insane.**
- 2. Kansas has 54 counties without any feebleminded.**
- 3. Kansas has 96 counties without any poorhouses.**
- 4. Kansas has 53 counties without any person in jail.**
- 5. Kansas has 56 counties without any representatives in the state penitentiary. Dr. Andres C. Ivy, M.D. Sc.D, Vice-President of the University of Illinois says:**

*“It is generally acknowledged that alcohol consumption increases divorces, venereal disease, illegitimate births, sexual promiscuity, vice, crime in general, poverty, the mortality from many diseases, and other forms of human misery.”*

Drinking was the cause for the downfall and destruction of Noah's generation and Lot's also. Jesus tells us that it will cause the downfall of our own generation also.

***Luke 17:27: They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.***

***Matthew 24:37-39:***

***<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be.***

**<sup>38</sup> For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**

**<sup>39</sup> And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be.**

The liquor interests are definitely now gunning for the members of our churches. They know that here is the greatest “uncultivated” field they can occupy. They know that the church member who drinks will not interfere too much with their unsavory business.

My dear fellow-minister brethren, are we going to dance to the tune of the liquor industry and to compromising church members, or are we going to dance to the tune of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God? There is too much at stake for us to straddle the fence. We are going to give account for our stewardship before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ according to:

***Hebrews 13:17: Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.***

OR, are we going to fit into the category spoken of by the Lord Jesus in:

***Matthew 5:19: Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.***

I’ve cast my loyalty support to our precious Lord and His unadulterated Word of God, to uncompromisingly declare the whole counsel of God without fear of favor. I hope you are also of the same persuasion, and can say a juicy and hearty, AMEN!

**In Conclusion:** You will have noticed that this message was not directed to the laity, but to those who can take strong meat which belongeth to them who are of full age, even those who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

***Hebrew 5:14: But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

We are not to be lords over God's heritage, but we are to be EXAMPLES to the flock.

**1 Peter 5:3-4:**

**<sup>3</sup> Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.**

**<sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

Praise the Lord, forever!!!! I believe that we should, for the Lord says:

**Isaiah 58:1: Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.**

**Ezekiel 16:1-2: Again the Word of the LORD came unto me [Ezekiel], saying, Son of Man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,**

### QUESTION:

The death of the actor William Holden has caused me to wonder how many people in this country die from booze-related causes? (Ref. Akron Beacon Journal Sunday 1/17/82)

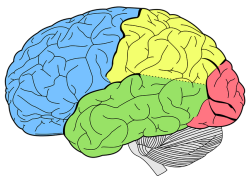
Only cancer, heart, and vascular diseases cause more deaths than alcohol abuse in the U.S., where an estimated 205,000 persons die each year from causes related to the bottle.



### IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH AN OCCASIONAL SOCIAL DRINK?

Here is a summary of RECENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DONE BY Dr. Peter L Carlin and other investigators at the University of Toronto and the Addiction Research Foundation Clinical Institute of Toronto:

They studied 8 long-term alcoholics, and in all x-ray brain scans they found loss of brain tissue. Another set of scans several months later, however, showed that 4 of the 6 that had abstained from drinking had regrown some damaged tissue, while the other 2 who had continued drinking had not.



Not only portions of the damage brain cells, but supporting nerve fibers and small blood vessels appeared capable of regrowth once drinking stops. Also revealed was the fact that brain damage starts at the first drink. Every time a person takes a few drinks of an alcoholic beverage, he permanently damages his brain, and probably his heart and liver, too.

A team of scientists headed by Dr. Melvin H Nisely, Professor of Anatomy at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, arrived at this same conclusion. It is considered an important new medical discovery that:

“BRAIN DAMAGE OCCURS PROGRESSIVELY FROM THE FIRST CELLS DESTROYED BY THE VERY FIRST DRINK A PERSON TAKES AND THAT DAMAGE ACCUMULATED.”

No one has ever become an alcoholic who didn't take that first drink.

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