

Eight Reasons *Not* to Drink Alcohol

1. Proverb 20:1 – Alcohol deceives and makes a fool out of you

Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2. Proverb 20:21 – Alcohol can lead to financial problems

An inheritance [may be] gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

3. Proverb 23:29 – Alcohol can lead to family arguments and tension

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

4. Proverbs 23:31-33 – Alcohol leads to lust and immorality with strange women

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, [when] it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

5. Proverb 23:35 – Alcohol is addictive

They have stricken me, [shalt thou say, and] I was not sick; they have beaten me, [and] I felt [it] not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

6. Daniel 1:8 – Alcohol is lifestyle of the unsaved

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.

7. Psalm 75:8/Revelation 16:19 – Alcohol is God’s emblem of coming judgment

For in the hand of the LORD [there is] a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring [them] out, [and] drink [them]. //

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

8. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – Alcohol leads to lifestyle that leads to hell

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor **drunkards**, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 – Drunkenness is listed in this catalog of the works of the flesh

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 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.

Drunkenness is the only specific sin named in the book of Joel. It suggests self-indulgence, foolishness, and shallow pleasure seeking. The locusts were a fitting judgment on this sin because they devoured the grapevines and put a stop to winemaking. The people’s sins would be snatched from their lips, so to speak, and they would be forced to stare cold spiritual realities in the face.