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Some Dangers of Alcoholic Drink

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, more than 80,000 people die from alcohol related deaths each year in the United States. So, you see, alcoholic drink is dangerous. For, it has a profound effect on one's judgment and body, especially on one's brain, heart, pancreas, and liver. Now, sadly, even after many know about the dangers of drinking alcoholic drink, they continue to drink alcoholic beverages with the mentality that I will drink in moderation, and a little drink once in awhile won't hurt a thing.

However, have you ever thought about the fact that with each drink one takes in moderation their judgment is being moderately impaired, their brain cells are being moderately destroyed, their heart is being moderately attacked, and organs such as one's pancreas and liver are being moderately upset and effected? You see, the point is, alcoholic drink is dangerous, even when done with moderation. So, to help emphasize the dangers of alcoholic drink, let's take a look at what the Bible has to say in regard to consuming alcoholic drink. Beginning with, the Bible says alcoholic drink...

1) Makes One Unwise.

In Proverbs 20:1, we learn, "*Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is lead astray by it is not wise.*" Folks, to be simply put, it is just not wise to consume alcoholic drink.

2) Leads One To Poverty.

In Proverbs 23:20-21, the wise man said, "*Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat; For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.*" Think about that, and beware of alcoholic drink.

3) Causes One Great Distress.

"*Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine*" (Proverbs 23:29-30). Now, does that sound appealing to you?

4) Bites Like A Serpent and Stings Like A Viper.

Proverbs 23:31-32 reads, "*Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper.*" Friends, hold onto that warning, and beware of consuming intoxicating drink.

5) Fills The Mind With Impure Thoughts.

Also, in regard to alcoholic drink, we are informed in Proverbs 23:33, "*Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things.*" Did you know that alcoholic drink will pollute your mind, and cause impure thoughts? If not, you know now.

6) Causes Forgetfulness.

Another thing that alcoholic drink will cause is forgetfulness. In Proverbs 31:4-5, in reference to alcoholic drink we read, "*It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.*" Keep those words in mind, and beware of alcoholic drink, lest you become forgetful.

7) Causes One To Stumble In Judgment.

One more danger of alcoholic drink to suggest is, it will cause one to stumble in their judgment (Isaiah 28:7). Therefore, beware of alcoholic drink, not only lest you stumble in judgment, but also lest

you cause your brother to stumble (Romans 14:21).

Ladies and gentlemen, these are just a few of the dangers of alcoholic drink which are found in the Bible. I hope that we will all strongly consider these dangers of alcoholic drink, and that we will all be one who chooses to avoid the consequences of consuming alcoholic drink. So, in conclusion let's always keep these inspired words of the apostle Paul in mind, "do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

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Editor's Note: The following article may apply to parents who have children that express a dislike for attending Bible classes but, as I read the article, I thought how appropriate were the thoughts for each and every one of us. Through the years I have heard Bible class teachers express concern for the children they have in their classes. They often note that the students have shown little, or no, preparation for the class. If you look at the adult class in which their parents are members you often see the problem. The children have not studied or prepared for their class and neither have the parents. The children do not show interest in their class and neither do the parents. Parents influence their children in more ways than one. As parents, we need to teach our children by word and example. If we expect our children to develop a love of truth and a love for the study of truth we need to demonstrate such in our lives. (JH)



"MY CHILD DOESN'T LIKE BIBLE CLASS"

"My child doesn't like to go to Bible School. What can I do about it?"

1. **You can be constructive.** Don't criticize the teacher, yourself or

the child. A negative attitude only complicates matters and hardly ever helps.

2. **You can be enthusiastic** about the class, the teacher, the lesson, the other children, and in preparing for the Lord's day. Kindly, but firmly, ignore any negative expression by the child.

3. **You can prepare through the week** for the class. Do not rush, scold, or nag on Sunday morning. Prepare clothes ahead of time. Get up early enough that the child can leisurely finish his regular morning routine.

4. **You can help the child participate in the class.** Have him select and take flowers for the class table. Let him take a Bible story book or picture to the teacher. Participation increases interest.

5. **You can try to take one or more of his neighborhood friends with you to the class.** Offer to stop and pick up other children. Helping someone else to attend adds importance to the event.

6. **You can expand your activities at home.** Sing Bible songs as you work. Repeat Bible stories or incidents as you have opportunity. Familiarity with Bible material helps the child to respond.

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