

### Scriptures on the Topic of Alcohol

Is it alright to drink beer, cider, sherry, wine, whisky, brandy, and other alcoholic drinks?

Alcoholic drinks are addictive drugs that enslave many people.

Fermented fruit juice, grains or other foods produce alcohol.

Alcohol is a chemical, "ethyl alcohol", CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH.

C is atom of carbon, H is atom of hydrogen, O is atom of oxygen.

Ethyl alcohol or "ethanol" is a colourless, volatile, inflammable fluid.

Too much alcohol causes intoxication where self-control is lost.

Continued drinking of alcohol causes many diseases.

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**Leviticus 10:9**, The Lord said to Aaron, "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tabernacle of Meeting, lest you die. (In verse one, of chapter ten, two of Aaron's sons died when they offered profane fire in their incense censer before the Lord.)

**Galatians 5:23**, One of the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of **self-control, or self-discipline**. The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to say, "No", when the natural desire wants to follow the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. 1John 2:15-17.

**1Timothy 5:23**, Paul told Timothy to not only drink water, but to use a little wine because of his frequent stomach upsets.

**Ephesians 5:18**, "**Do not be drunk with wine**, in which is dissipation; (bad behaviour of lust or violence etc), but **be filled with the (Holy) Spirit.**"

**Titus 2:3**, "The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behaviour, not slanderers, **not given to much wine**, teachers of good things"-

**1Timothy 3:8**, "Likewise deacons must be reverent, not doubled-tongued, **not given to much wine**, not greedy for money,"

The Bible does not forbid the drinking of a little wine/alcohol, as the Scriptures above indicate.

**However the Scriptures say**, "**It is good neither to eat meat**, (*meat was often offered in sacrifice to idols before it was sold, Acts 15:29, Acts 21:25*), **nor drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.**" Romans 14:15, 21, 1Corinthians 8:10-13.

What we do as Christians has a **big influence on other believers**, especially on those who are less established in the faith of Jesus Christ than we are. They may follow our example. And it may be that they can- not control their desires and exercise self-discipline.

#### **Romans 14:15-21.**

This is the reason why Dorothy and I have never had alcohol in our home, and we refuse to drink alcohol. We ask for juice, or soft drink or water.

Alcohol is a terrible curse on society world-wide, causing violence, family breakdown, child neglect, hunger, poverty, lack of clothes, absentee fathers and mothers, children going to school without breakfast or lunch, and abuse in many forms. Car accidents are often caused by alcohol.

Other Scriptures:

Proverbs 23:29-33,

Proverbs 23:20, 21,

Proverbs 20:1,

Proverbs 31:4, 5,

Hosea 4:11.