

Social Drinking & the Christian

by RBC Discovery Digest

If you're one of those Christians who feel that an occasional drink to socialize or to steady your nerves is alright, consider seriously the following facts published in the Detroit Free Press:

- **7% of all people in Michigan are alcoholics**
- **Every twentieth alcoholic is a pre-teen**
- **A \$2 million, tax-funded study identified alcohol as the most dangerous drug in the country**
- **Alcohol addicts outnumber drug addicts 10 to 1**
- **Four out of every 10 hospital admissions is alcohol-related**
- **Alcohol deaths outnumber drug-related deaths 33 to 1**
- **Alcohol nationally is the Number 3 health problem, exceeded only by heart disease and cancer**
- **Ethyl alcohol, the basic ingredient of all liquor, damages every gland and organ in the body**
- **An ad or scene depicting drinking is presented on TV once every six seconds**
- **Drinking is involved in 55% of all arrests and 40% of all cases in Michigan circuit courts**
- **50% of all auto fatalities involve a drinker**
- **Alcohol is a major factor in 20% of all Michigan divorces**
- **It is involved in 33% of all this state's suicides, 64% of all murders, and 60% of all child abuse cases**
- **The disease afflicting the pancreas caused by drinking leads to an excruciatingly painful death**

Alcohol kills brain cells and leads to irreversible insanity. No wonder the book of Proverbs says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (20:1).

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