



REJECTING WORLDLINESS

Making Godly Decisions on Moral Issues

Lesson Two

Drunkenness &
Substance Abuse

Matthew 5:3 NKJV

**3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

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2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on drinking prevalence

- 85.6% of people 18+ years old reported they drank alcohol at some point in their lifetimes
 - 69.5% in the past year
 - 59.1% men, 51.0% of women in the last month
- 39.7% of people age 12-20 reported at least one drink in their lives
 - 7.0 million underage people drank in the last month

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on binge drinking

Binge drinking – a pattern of drinking that brings the BAC level to .08 g/dl or higher

- 25.8% of people 18+ years old reported binge drinking in the last month
 - 29.7% males
 - 22.2% females

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on binge drinking

Binge drinking – a pattern of drinking that brings the BAC level to .08 g/dl or higher

- 4.2 million people age 12-20 years old reported binge drinking in the last month
 - 29.7% males
 - 22.2% females

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on heavy alcohol use

Heavy alcohol use– males consuming 4 or more drinks on a day or more than 14 per week and females consuming 3 or more drinks on any day or more than 7 drinks per week

- 6.3% of people 18+ years old reported heavy alcohol use in the last month
 - 8.3% men
 - 4.5% women

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on heavy alcohol use

Heavy alcohol use– males consuming 4 or more drinks on any day or more than 14 per week and females consuming 3 or more drinks on any day or more than 7 drinks per week

- 825,000 people age 12-20 years old reported heavy alcohol use in the last month
 - 2.1% males
 - 2.3% females

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on Alcohol Use Disorder

Alcohol Use Disorder– a chronic brain disorder marked by compulsive drinking, loss of control over alcohol use, and negative emotions when not drinking

- 14.5 million people ages 12+
 - 9.0 million males
 - 5.5 million females

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) statistics on Alcohol Use Disorder

Alcohol Use Disorder– a chronic brain disorder marked by compulsive drinking, loss of control over alcohol use, and negative emotions when not drinking

- 414,000 people ages 12-17
 - 163,000 males
 - 251,000 females

Alcohol Related Emergencies

- Alcohol related ED visits increased by 47% from 2006-2014
- 95,000 people die from alcohol-related causes annually in the US
- Alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 10,142 deaths

What does the Bible say about drunkenness?

- Alcohol can lead one astray (Prov 20:1)
- It is a work of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21)
- It will keep one from the kingdom of heaven (Gal 5:21; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

What does the Bible say about drunkenness?

- It is a lust of men to be avoided (1 Pt 4:1-3)
 - Drunkenness – *oinophlugia* – excess of wine to intoxication (Strong's)
 - Revelries – *komos* – “A nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Baccus or some other diety...used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry” (Thayer)

Christians should be “sober-minded”

1. What does it mean to be sober-minded?

- Sober – *nepho* – “to be free from the influence of intoxicants; metaphorically, it does not in itself imply watchfulness , but is used in association with it (Vine)
- 1 Thess 5:6-7; 1 Pt 1:13; 1 Pt 5:8

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2. What happened to the following individuals when they failed to remain sober?

- Noah (Gen 9:20-23)
- Lot (Gen 19:31-36)
- Ahasuerus (Esth 1:10-12)



Proverbs and Alcohol

3. How does the book of Proverbs describe the use of alcohol? (Prov 23:29-35)



The Christian and Drunkenness

4. How should the local church react towards drunkenness by an unrepentant member (1 Cor 5:11)



Substance Abuse

Most prevalent forms of drugs

- Alcohol
- Marijuana
- Tobacco

Substance Abuse

CDC's National Center for Health Statistics

- Estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the US, Apr 2020-Apr 2021
 - Increase of 28.5%
 - Rise in opioid related deaths, synthetic opioid related deaths, and psychostimulant related deaths
 - Preceded by a small decline in 2018 and 2019



Substance Abuse

5. Does the condemnation of drunkenness apply to other types of drugs? Why or why not?

“Filled with the Spirit”

6. How does Paul use the imagery of drunkenness to illustrate his point in Eph 5:18? What is he saying?

Application

7. What might you say to a Christian who is struggling with drunkenness to help them change their behavior?