



***'Tis The Season  
To Get Drunk?***



# ***How To Get Drunk And...***

## **1 Kings 16:8 - 9**

“In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, **Elah the son of Baasha became king over Israel**, and reigned two years in Tirzah. **9** Now his servant **Zimri, commander of half his chariots**, conspired against him as he was in Tirzah **drinking himself drunk** in the house of Arza, steward of his house in Tirzah.”

# *How To Stop*



## **1 Samuel 1:12 - 15**

“And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. **13** Now Hannah **spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.** Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. **14** So Eli said to her, ‘**How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!**’ **15** And Hannah answered and said, ‘No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. **I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.**’ ”

# ***The Character of Alcohol Clearly Seen #1***

## **Proverbs 23:29 - 35**

**“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions?  
Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause?  
Who has redness of eyes? 30 Those who linger long at the  
wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. 31 Do not  
look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the  
cup, When it swirls around smoothly; 32 At the last it bites  
like a serpent, And stings like a viper. 33 Your eyes will see  
strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things.  
34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the  
sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: 35  
‘They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten  
me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek  
another drink?’ ”**



# What Does It Cost?

**Proverbs 23** uncovers the cost of alcohol. Beyond the cost of the alcohol itself, it costs:

1. *The problem of ever-present problems.* v 29
2. *The fear of increasing addiction.* v 30
3. *The personal misery of aftereffects.* v 31 - 32
4. *The loss of trust at home.* v 33
5. *The damage to those outside family.* v 34 - 35



# *The Character of Alcohol Clearly Seen #2*

## **Isaiah 28:7 - 8**

**“But they also have erred through wine,  
And through intoxicating drink are out of  
the way; The priest and the prophet have  
erred through intoxicating drink, They are  
swallowed up by wine, They are out of the  
way through intoxicating drink; They err in  
vision, they stumble in judgment. **8** For  
all tables are full of vomit and filth; No  
place is clean.”**



***No Matter What Country Or What Season  
- It Is Still Alcohol***



# **“Strong Drink” (Heb. Shechar)**

**Proverbs 20:1** “Wine is a mocker, **Strong drink is a brawler**, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”

**Proverbs 31:6** “Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are **bitter of heart.**”  
**Not Jesus Christ! Matthew 27:33 - 34**

**Isaiah 24:9** “Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.”

**Luke 1:15** “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor **strong drink**. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” **Even so with Christians Ephesians 5:18**



# ***Christians Are “Not Given To Wine”***

**Galatians 5:21** - “drunkenness”

**1 Timothy 3:3** - “not given to wine”

**1 Timothy 5:23** - “No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities.”



# ***Alcohol Is But One Of the “Drugs”***

**Galatians 5:20** “sorcery” = Greek pharmakeia

***Pharmacy, legal or illegal, is no “mix & match” practice!***



# ***What Else Should We Do?***

## **Ephesians 5:17 - 20**

**“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the LORD is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ,”**

# ***Break Out of The “Bottle”***

**Acts 2:38**

**Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**