

Drinking

And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. Genesis 9:20-21

-God gave the fruit of the vine for profitable purposes. Noah misused the fruit and became intoxicated. This led to the cursing of his grandson, Canaan.

And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses. Leviticus 10:8-11

-The LORD did not want alcohol to impair the judgment of His priests. In a New Testament application, we are priests in Christ and should stay away from alcohol.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1

-Wine is not spoken of in a positive light.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again. Proverbs 23:31-35

-Here we are warned to stay away from wine as an alcoholic beverage of enjoyment. It leads to drunkenness which leads to immorality. Drink is also very addicting because it is a drug.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Habakkuk 2:15

-The Babylonians were using alcohol to get their neighbor drunk for the purposes of immorality.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Ephesians 5:18

-God's child is to be controlled by the Spirit, not alcohol. No one can know beforehand how much alcohol it takes to not be controlled by the Spirit. Any amount impairs judgment.

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. I Timothy 5:23

-Paul admonished Timothy to use wine as an antiseptic, not for pleasure.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. I Thessalonians 5:21

-Alcohol has repeatedly proven to be a thing that is not good or edifying in any way.