

## Drinking

### Introduction:

- A. Tell of preacher friend in Rogers who was almost fired for preaching on social drinking.
- B. Alcohol is the most chronically abused drug in our nation. - Proverbs 20:1
- C. Many Christians, especially our young people, wonder whether or not they should go along with the crowd and become drinkers.

### Should we drink alcoholic beverages?

- I. Should we get drunk.- Ephesians 5;18; Galatians 5.19-21
- II. Should we drink socially? - 1 Peter 4:3-5 (“banquetings” = “drinking parties” [NKJV]; “drinking which is not of necessity excessive” [R.C. Trench, **Synonyms of the New Testament**].)
- III. Should we drink moderately in the privacy of our homes? - Hebrews 5:12-14
  - A. two principles to help us make a good decision.
    - 1. When in doubt, don't. - Romans 14:23
    - 2. Flee sin, don't see how close you can come to it. - 1 Peter 5:8
  - B. Six facts to help us make a good decision:
    - 1. It is a medical fact that those who drink alcohol alone are on the road to alcoholism.
    - 2. The Lord demands sobriety of his people. - 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8 (“Sober”: “signifies to be free from the influence of intoxicants” (Vine. 4:44).
    - 3. The Bible warns against the use of alcohol in any quantity.- Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35
    - 4. The use of alcohol (even in moderate amounts) impairs moral judgment.- Proverbs 31:4-5; 4:23
    - 5. It will ruin your influence for good.- Matthew 5:16
    - 6. It is an enslaving habit.- 1 Corinthians 6:12
  - C. a question to encourage honesty: How many limit drinking to “an occasional drink in the privacy of my home”? Is this not just the foot in the door?

### Conclusion:

- A. Contrast the advertisement with stark reality.
- B. Alcohol is our public enemy number one.
- C. Don't let alcohol deceive you to your eternal sorrow and ruin.- Proverbs 20.1