

Called To be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

As believers, we should live our lives with the purposeful intention of pleasing God and influencing others for Him.

1 Corinthians 10:31

**“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,
or whatsoever ye do, do all to the
glory of God.”**

Romans 14:21

“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.”

Choosing to Abstain

1 Cor. 10:31, Rom. 10:21, et al.

1. What does the Bible say?

A. The Bible explicitly condemns drunkenness.

Proverbs 20:1

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”

Proverbs 23:31-32

“Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.”

Proverbs 31:6

“Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.”

1. What does the Bible say?

A. The Bible explicitly condemns drunkenness.

B. The Bible both condones and condemns the drinking of wine.

1 Timothy 5:23

“Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.”

1 Timothy 3:8

“Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;”

Titus 2:3

“The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things.”

Genesis 40:11

“And Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh’s hand.”

Two common positions ...

- Moderation: The Bible commends drinking in moderation, and condemns drinking to excess.
- Two-wine: The Bible commends the drinking of grape juice, and condemns fermented wine.

Matthew 11:18-19

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. ...”

1. What does the Bible say about the matter?

A. The Bible clearly condemns drunkenness.

B. The drinking of wine, even in moderation, is questionable.

- 1. What does the Bible say about the matter?**
- 2. What does my conscience say?**
- 3. Will it be spiritually helpful to me?**
- 4. Will it (or could it) control me?**

- 5. Will it cause another believer to stumble?**
- 6. Will it build up other believers?**
- 7. Will it hinder my testimony with unbelievers?**

1 Thessalonians 5:22

**“Abstain from all appearance
of evil.”**

- 5. Will it cause another believer to stumble?**
- 6. Will it build up other believers?**
- 7. Will it hinder my testimony with unbelievers?**
- 8. Will it bring glory to God?**

Romans 14:19

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”

Romans 14:21

“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.”