

“What Everyone Needs To Know About Alcohol”

Lesson Text: **Proverbs 23:29-35.**

I. Drinking Alcohol Bears No Good Fruit.

- **Matthew 7:17-18.** Does It Bear Good Fruit Or Evil?
- Alcohol Creates Many Problems In Society:
 - 3rd Most Serious Health Problem In The US.
 - Accounts For 27% Of All Admissions To State & County Mental Hospitals.
 - Alcohol Related Accidents Kill One Person Every Twenty-four Minutes.
 - 50% Of All Highway Accidents Are Alcohol Related.
 - 80% Of All Violent Crimes Are Alcohol Related.
- It Is Deceptive. **Proverbs 20:1.**
- Alcohol Is Addictive. **Proverbs 23:35.**
- Destroys Our Good Influence/Example. **Matthew 5:13; 16.**

II. Drinking Alcohol Clouds Our Thinking & Judgment.

- **Proverbs 31:4-5.**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:5-9. vs. 6,** Sober- “Free from the influence of intoxicants.”
- The Great Contrast— **Ephesians 15-18.**

III. Drinking Alcohol Lowers Our Inhibitions & Self-Control.

- **Proverbs 23:33-35.**
- **Proverbs 25:28.**
- The Devil Knows This Will Happen!

IV. Drinking Alcohol Impairs Our Ability To Function In Life.

- **Proverbs 21:17.**
- Becoming Addicted To Alcohol Has Some Serious Consequences:
 - Difficult Or Impossible To Work A Full Day Without Drinking.
 - People Who Drink To Forget Their Problems— Add To Their Problems Tenfold.
 - Because Drinking Often Brings Strife, It Builds Walls In Our Relationships.
- The Pleasures Of Alcohol Dominates Everything Else In Their Life- **Proverbs 23:35.**

V. Drinking Alcohol Will Absolutely Cause Us To Miss Heaven.

- **Galatians 5:19-21.**
- When We Give Ourselves To This Sin, It Causes God’s Wrath Upon Us.
- So Is It Worth The Risk Of Losing Our Eternal Reward From God?