

Alcohol in the Bible (Pro & Con)

1. Pro

1 Timothy 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. (Strong's G 3631 "Wine")

(This is the only New Testament "Pro". Non-fermented wine is grape juice, even if it were fermented; it would still be strictly for medicinal purposes.)

Psalms 104:14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

Psalms 104:15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

(The Holy Ghost wasn't available to all men yet, to make their faces to shine)

Proverbs 31:6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Proverbs 31:7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

(The Holy Ghost as "Comforter" wasn't available to all men yet.)

* Remember, in this day and age we can all drink of the new wine of the Holy Ghost!

2. Con

Proverbs 20:1 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Proverbs 21:17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Proverbs 23:20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: (Strong's H 3630 "Wine drinkers")

Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

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Proverbs 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

Proverbs 23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. (#1: Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine" (#2: Strong's H 4469 "wine mixed with water or spices"))

Proverbs 23:31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Proverbs 23:32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23:33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Proverbs 23:34 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.

Proverbs 23:35 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.

Isaiah 5:11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them! (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Isaiah 5:22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Hosea 4:11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Genesis 9:20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

Genesis 9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Genesis 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

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Genesis 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Genesis 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

Isaiah 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Ezekiel 44:21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Luke 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. (#1 Strong's G 3631 "Wine" #2 Of Hebrew origin H7941; an intoxicant, that is, intensely fermented liquor: - strong drink.)

Leviticus 10:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

Leviticus 10:9 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: (#1 Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine" #2 H7941 From H7937; an intoxicant, that is, intensely alcoholic liquor: - strong drink, + drunkard, strong wine.)

Leviticus 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

Proverbs 31:4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: (Strong's H 3196 "Fermented wine")

Proverbs 31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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✚ Qualifications of a Bishop or Deacon

1 Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; (Bishop) (G3943 from G3844 and G3631; staying *near wine*, that is, *tippling* (a *tope*): - given to wine.)

1 Timothy 3:8 Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (Deacon) (Strong's G 3631 "Wine")

Titus 1:7 For a **bishop** must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; (G3943 from G3844 and G3631; staying *near wine*, that is, *tippling* (a *tope*): - given to wine.)

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; (Strong's G 3631 "Wine")

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (Strong's G 3631 "Wine")

1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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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.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.