

Wisdom in the Do Not's Proverbs 23 pt 4

"Don't gaze at wine because it is red, because it gleams in the cup and goes down smoothly." -Proverbs 23:31

While most people talk about the fun in drinking, what are some negative effects of alcohol that many people struggle with but don't share?

*Cravings and Withdrawal

*Mental _____ Struggles

*Social and Relationship Strains

*Health R_____

*Relapse Risk

"Alcoholism is a well-documented pathological reaction to unresolved grief."

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29-30 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has conflicts? Who has complaints? Who has wounds for no reason? Who has red eyes? Those who linger over wine; those who go looking for mixed wine.

The evidence of a drunkard:

➤ Sadness

***Who has woe? Who has sorrow?** Lamentation, distress, a deep sense of grief because of disaster, emotional and spiritual anguish. (Isaiah 5:20-23)

➤ Struggles

***Who has conflicts? Who has complaints?** On-going strife, discord, state of disagreement, characterized by verbal disputes or quarrels. Grievances and babbling. (James 4:1-3)

➤ Suffering

Who has wounds for no reason? Who has red eyes? Physical wounds left by a blow, physical harm, injuries; freely, for nothing or in vain; Red eyes, meaning dullness, flash or redness. Potent effect on the eyes. (Ephesians 5:18)

Notice the answer:

#1 Those who _____ over wine.

Linger: After, remain behind, following, loiter or procrastinate.

#2 Those who go _____ for mixed wine.

Looking: to search, to thoroughly investigate, to examine, to explore.

Who and what should we be lingering and looking for more than anything?

*The _____ *God's _____ & _____

➤ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

As you reflect on the evidence of a drunkard, how would you encourage someone who is abusing and looking to alcohol to solve their problems?

*P _____ *Go to therapy with them *S _____

✓ Galatians 6:1-2

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The warning of drunkenness

➤ **Gaze:** to look at, fix your eyes on something intently, to inspect, perceive, consider; looking with eagerness or admiration. In ancient Hebrew culture, seeing was not merely a physical act but often carried deeper implications of understanding and discernment.

What are some intentions, and things one might consider when drinking alcohol?

*Appealing to the e _____ *Stress r _____ *Relaxing

➤ **Gleam:** To set, shine, reflect with light, shimmer.

➤ **Goes down _____;** Hard alcohol tends to be harsh, but wine can be deceptive because it's easy to drink.

What was Jesus' first miracle?

*Turning water into _____

✓ John 2:1-11; Psalm 104:15

32-35 In the end it bites like a snake and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and you will say absurd things. You'll be like someone sleeping out at sea or lying down on the top of a ship's mast. "They struck me, but I feel no pain! They beat me, but I didn't know it! When will I wake up? I'll look for another drink."

The deception of getting drunk

Notice how getting drunk deceives people:

- In the end it _____ like a snake and _____ like a viper.
- Your eyes will _____ strange things, and you will _____ absurd things.
- You'll be like someone sleeping out at _____ or lying down on the top of a ship's mast.

What is the writer referring to in this verse?

*D _____ *H _____ *S _____

✓ Isaiah 28:7-8; Luke 21:34

- **"They struck me, but I feel no pain! They beat me, but I didn't know it! When will I wake up? I'll look for another drink."**

Ultimately this deception turns into delusion and dependency.

How would you lead someone to repentance who is struggling with alcoholism?

*Patiently *Gently *Graciously

✓ 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9-10; 1 Thess. 5:6-8

What is one thing you learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

"Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." -Matthew 19:26