



-- Proverbs 23:29-35 --

The _____ often _____ by drinking.
(vv. 29-30)

Drinking has a track record of causing . . .

- _____ harm
- _____ harm
- _____ harm

The _____ that _____ drinking.
(vv. 31-32)

"...in the end it bites like a snake and stings like a viper." (v. 32)

"Wine is a mocker, beer is a brawler; and whoever goes astray because of them is not wise." (Pr. 20:1)

The _____ that _____ from drinking.
(vv. 33-35a)

"And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit." (Eph. 5:18)

See also Prov. 31:4-7 and Isa. 28:7

The _____ that is _____ by drinking.
(v. 35b)

"When will I wake up? I'll look for another drink." (v. 35b)

"'Everything is permissible for me,' but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is permissible for me,' but I will not be mastered by anything." (1 Cor. 6:12)

Should Christians ever drink?

"Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind." (Rom. 14:5b)

- 1) Consider the _____ in the wine of _____ and the alcoholic drinks of _____.
- 2) Consider whether it is _____ to _____ with such a _____. (Pr. 20:1, 23:31-32)
- 3) Consider whether you want to _____ an _____ that contributes to the _____ of so many lives.
- 4) Consider the _____ you may put in the _____ of a Christian brother or sister.

"Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4)

"But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." (1 Cor. 8:9, see also Rom. 14:13)

"And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea." (Matt. 18:6)

- 5) Consider your _____ to _____ around you who need to know Jesus. (1 Pet. 2:12)
- 6) Consider the effect your drinking may have on _____.
- 7) Consider the fact that you have _____ to _____ by abstaining and that you have _____ to _____ by drinking.