

# MARIJUANA

## HOT TOPICS

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*“Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.” (Genesis 1:29, NIV84)*

**DISCLAIMER** - There is a difference between medical use and RECREATIONAL use.

## RECREATIONAL USE: WHY WE REALLY CHOOSE TO USE.

It really comes down to one word: ESCAPE.

### REALLY- I AM TRYING

1. To Escape STRESS.
2. To Escape LONELINESS.
3. To Escape REALITY.

*“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:15–20, NLT)*

## 3 CHOICES CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO.

### I AM CALLED TO BE

- 1) SOBER-MINDED .

*“So be careful how you live. . . .” (Ephesians 5:15a, NLT)*

*“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, ESV)*

*“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,” (Ephesians 5:18, NLT)*

## 2) **SELF CONTROLLED.**

*“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. . .” (Galatians 5:22–23, NLT)*

*“You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. And even though “I am allowed to do anything,” I must not become a slave to anything.” (1 Corinthians 6:12, NLT)*

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## 3) **SURRENDERED.**

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1–2, NIV84)*

*“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,” (1 Corinthians 6:19, NLT)*

*“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:18–20, NLT)*

## **Quick Quiz**

**Does recreational marijuana use help me be sober-minded? NO.**

**Does recreational marijuana use help me be self-controlled? NO.**

Does recreational marijuana use help me be surrendered? [NO](#).

**NEXT STEP**

Take [15 MINUTES](#) this week to [EVALUATE](#).

Attend [CELEBRATE RECOVERY](#).

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