

**“Be Wise About Alcohol”**

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Proverbs 23:29-35

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**Introduction:**

- A. As we turn to the book of Proverbs, we will discover that it has a lot to say about the \_\_\_\_\_ of alcohol and the \_\_\_\_\_ it can have on a person’s life.
- B. There are \_\_\_\_\_ texts in Proverbs that warn about the dangers of alcohol.

**I. Warning #1: Alcohol Intoxication Has Serious \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- A. Proverbs 20:1 - “Wine is a \_\_\_\_\_, beer is a \_\_\_\_\_; whoever goes astray because of them is not \_\_\_\_\_.”
- B. Proverbs 23:29-30 - the consequences of intoxication include:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Warning #2: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Alcohol is \_\_\_\_\_. (Pr. 23:31-32)**

- A. The devil is so \_\_\_\_\_ and he wraps sin in an attractive \_\_\_\_\_ and never delivers what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What looks so good, turns out to be so \_\_\_\_\_; what looks like such fun, turns out to be \_\_\_\_\_; what promises freedom, turns into a \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Warning #3: Alcohol Has \_\_\_\_\_ Power. (Pr. 23:33-35)**

- A. The person who drinks too much gradually becomes \_\_\_\_\_ to the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The only sure way to know if you are in control or if the alcohol is in control, is to \_\_\_\_\_ at all and see how long you can go without a drink.

**Conclusion:**

- A. Pr. 31:4-7 - Why is it not for kings to drink wine and beer? Because they have \_\_\_\_\_ things to do with their time and drinking will \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. I want to encourage us to make godly choices about drinking alcohol and to not \_\_\_\_\_ others about their choices, while at the same time not allowing our \_\_\_\_\_ to lead others into \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 14: 20-22)
- C. Often our attitudes about alcohol are shaped by our \_\_\_\_\_ with alcohol.
- D. Ultimately, the solution to addiction isn’t a prescription or a therapy session, but a \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. If you are presently having a problem with alcohol, then know that you are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your struggle and you are still \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. abuse, damage. B. three. I. Consequences. I.A. mocker, brawler, wise. I.B.1. woe. I.B.2. sorrow. I.B.3. strife. I.B.4. complaints. I.B.5. bruises. I.B.6. red, eyes. II. Lure, Deceptive. II.A. crafty, disguise, promised. II.B. bad, disastrous, trap. III. Addictive. III.A. captive, addiction. III.B. not, drink. Concl.A. better, hinder, thinking. B. judge, liberty, sin. C. experience. D. spiritual, transformation. E. alone, loved, valued.