

To Timothy,

Remember Who You Serve



‘a little wine’

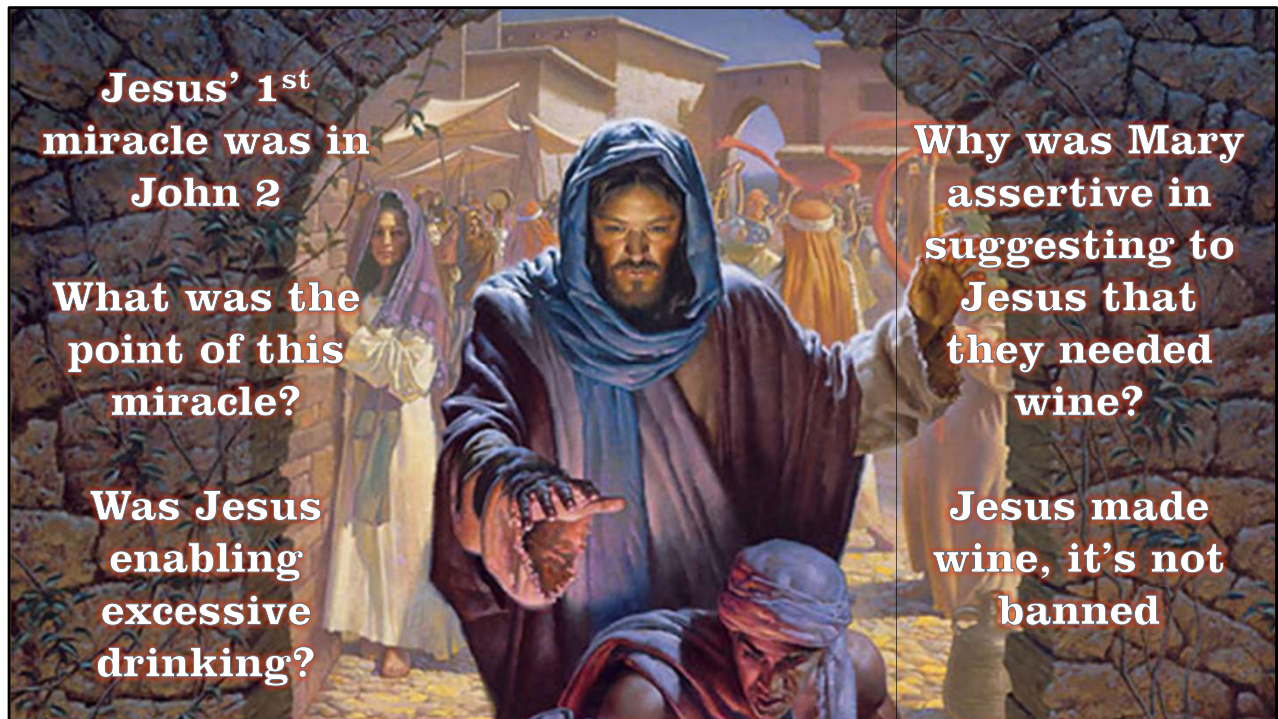
- 1 Timothy 5:23 -

3 words that capture peoples attention, and still they focus on only 1 – wine!
Not Little!

[1Ti 5:23 ESV] 23 (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)

1 Timothy 5:23

- Why does the text invite Timothy to drink a little wine?
- Why was he drinking **only** water?
- In the Context of time and culture; Do we forget the challenges of antiquity (especially in arid lands) or forget to appreciate the abundance of availability of not only Water, but Clean Water, that we take for granted!
- What may be the reasons for his upset stomach?
- What does the Bible teach us about wine or drunkenness overall?
- Why is this an important topic that deserves more scrutiny?
- Can we extrapolate these principles to other substances?
- Are you someone who leans toward licentiousness or legalism? Permissiveness or prohibitionism? Do you live by “its better to ask forgiveness than permission” mantra?
- What are some other spiritual lessons this text suggests?



**Jesus' 1st
miracle was in
John 2**

**What was the
point of this
miracle?**

**Was Jesus
enabling
excessive
drinking?**

**Why was Mary
assertive in
suggesting to
Jesus that
they needed
wine?**

**Jesus made
wine, it's not
banned**

[Jhn 2:1-12, 23-25 ESV] 1 **On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.** 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 **When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."** 4 **And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."** 5 **His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."** 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, **"Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."** 11 This, **the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.** 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. ... 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Would Jesus have done this IF it was some out of control Wedding Rager?!

I've had many people say things like Where's that Jesus who turned the water to wine? I sure could use Him right now!

How many people rush right to the point – Jesus is OK with Wine!!! Yay!!! Is that the point?

Mary seemed to overstep a bit.

He had never performed a miracle before this.

Was she wanting to help a friend – be a hero, Force Jesus hand in getting His messianic ministry going? Show off her Son? He said Woman!

The Disciples believed!

Jesus was Endorsing Marriage, as in Garden of Eden!

Please be “Sober minded”

– 1 Timothy 3:2

- Please drop your defenses, listen to the Spirit & scripture
- The Bible does NOT forbid drinking alcohol
- The Bible DOES forbid Drunkenness!

When are you Drunk? Today we can measure it: Levels of drunkenness are .05 Utah .08 Pa. In many states its much lower for those under 21. How did they know in OT? Its subjective!

I'm amazed at how often people are resistant and immediately put up their guard on this subject!

Please be open to the Spirit and scripture, not so much me.

IF Jesus and the Bible did demand NO Alcohol, would you happily obey?

Do you lean toward Licentiousness (license, the James Bond of sin (license to kill!)) or Legalism?

Permissiveness or prohibitionism? Do you live by “its better to ask forgiveness than permission” mantra? Looking for loopholes! Abuses Gods grace or attempts to please God by having no pleasure

[1Ti 3:2, 11 ESV] 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ... [1Ti 3:3 ESV] 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.¹¹ **Their wives** likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, **but sober-minded**, faithful in all things.

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[2Ti 4:5 ESV] 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

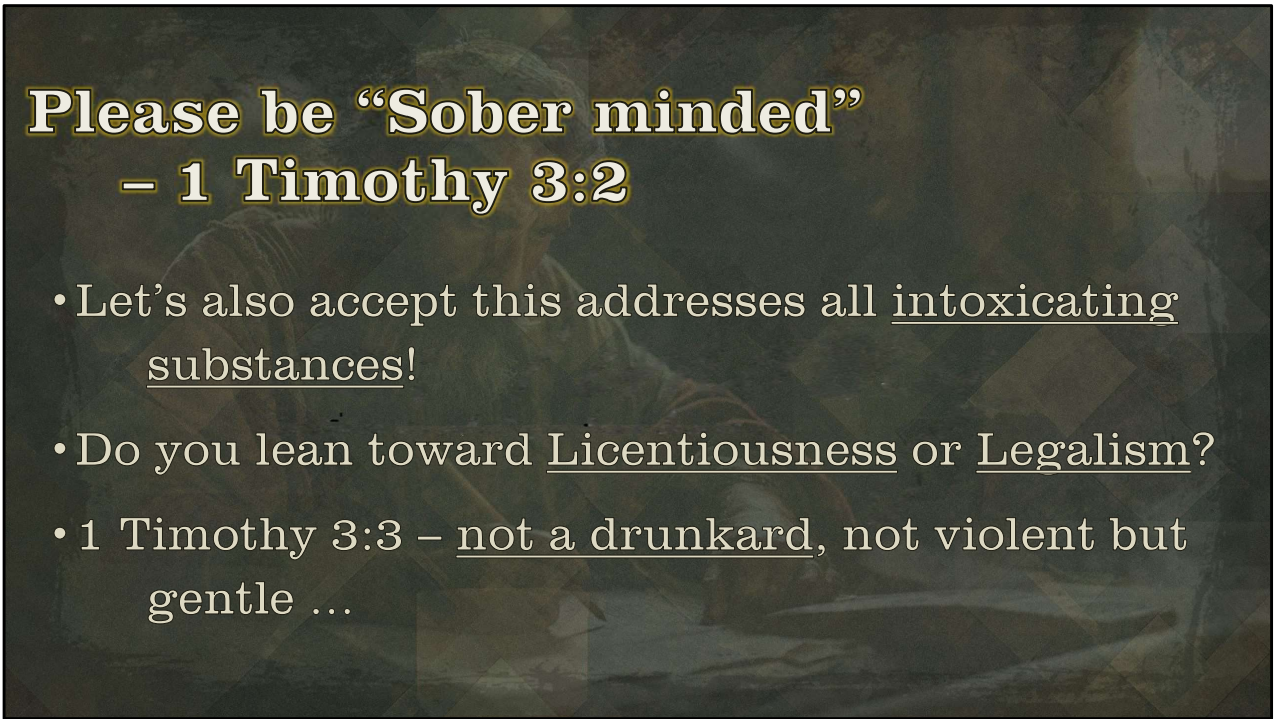
[Tit 2:2 ESV] 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled,

sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

[1Pe 1:13 ESV] 13 Therefore, **preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded**, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[1Pe 4:7 ESV] 7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore **be self-controlled and sober-minded** for the sake of your prayers.

[1Pe 5:8 ESV] 8 **Be sober-minded**; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

The background of the slide is a dark, textured image. It appears to be a close-up of a person's hands and arms, possibly a monk or scholar, writing in a large, open book. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, giving it a historical or religious feel. The text is overlaid on this background.

Please be “Sober minded” – 1 Timothy 3:2

- Let's also accept this addresses all intoxicating substances!
- Do you lean toward Licentiousness or Legalism?
- 1 Timothy 3:3 – not a drunkard, not violent but gentle ...

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Lets first recognize the Context of History and Science, 3000 yrs ago it was somewhat different. We have Water purifications and refrigeration's now

In New Testament times, **the water was not very clean (contaminated)**. Without modern sanitation, **the water was often filled with bacteria, viruses, and all kinds of contaminants**. The same is true in many developing countries today. **As a result, people often drank wine (or grape juice) because it was far less likely to be contaminated**. In [1 Timothy 5:23](#), Paul instructed Timothy to stop drinking water exclusively (which was probably causing his stomach problems) and instead drink wine. In that day, wine was fermented (containing alcohol), but not necessarily to the degree it is today. It is incorrect to say that it was grape juice, but it is also incorrect to say that it was the same thing as the wine commonly used today. Again, Scripture does not forbid Christians from drinking beer, wine, or any other drink containing alcohol. Alcohol is not, in and of itself, tainted by sin. It is drunkenness and addiction to alcohol that a Christian must absolutely refrain

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Wine, ISBE

(1) יַיִן, *yayin*, apparently from a non-Sem root allied to Gr (w) *oínos*, Lat *vinum*, etc. This is the usual word for “wine” and is found 141 t in MT. (2) חֲמֶר, *hemer*, perhaps “foaming” (Dt 32:14 and MT Isa 27:2 [but see ERVm]); Aram. חֲמַר, *hāmar* (Ezr 6:9; 7:22; Dnl 5:1, 2, 4, 23). (3) תִּירוֹשׁ, *tīrōsh*. Properly this is the fresh grape juice (called also מִשְׁרֶה, *mishreh*, Nu 6:3), even when still in the grape (Isa 65:8). But unfermented grape juice is a very difficult thing to keep without the aid of modern antiseptic precautions, and its preservation in the warm and not overcleanly conditions of ancient Pal was impossible. **Consequently, *tīrōsh* came to mean**

wine that was not fully aged (although with full intoxicating properties [Jgs 9:13; Hos 4:11: cf Acts 2:13]) or wine when considered specifically as the product of grapes (Dt 12:17; 18:4, etc). LXX always (except Isa 65:8; Hos 4:11) translates by *oínos* and the Tgs by *ḥāmar*. AV has “wine” 26 t, “new wine” 11 t, “sweet wine” in Mic 6:15; RV “vintage” in Nu 18:12; Mic 6:15 (with the same change in Neh 10:37, 39 RVm; Isa 62:8 ERVm). Otherwise ERV has left AV unchanged, while ARV uses “new wine” throughout. (4) Two apparently poetic words are *אִשִּׁי*, *‘āšīš* (RV “sweet wine,” Isa 49:26; Am 9:13; Joel 1:5; 3:18, “juice”; Cant 8:2), and *שׁוֹבֵה*, *šōbhe’* (“wine,” Isa 1:22; “drink,” Hos 4:18 [m “carouse”]; Nah 1:10). (5) For spiced wine three words occur: *מִשְׁכָּח*, *mešekh*, Ps 75:8 (EV “mixture”); *מִמְשָׁח*, *mimšākh*, Prov 23:30 (“mixed wine”); Isa 65:11 (RV “mingled wine”); *מֵזֶגֶח*, *mezegh*, Cant 7:2 (RV “mingled wine”); cf also *יַיִן הָרֶקָח*, *yayin hāreḳaḥ*, Cant 8:2 (“spiced wine”). (6) *מַמְתַּקִּים*, *mamethakkīm*, lit. “sweet,” Neh 8:10.

(7) *שֶׁכָּר*, *shēkhār* (22 t), tr “strong drink” in EV. *Shēkhār* appears to mean “intoxicating drink” of any sort and in Nu 28:7 is certainly simply “wine” (cf also its use in parallelism to “wine” in Isa 5:11, 22, etc). In certain passages (Lev 10:9; Nu 6:3; 1 S 1:15, etc), however, it is distinguished from “wine,” and the meaning is not quite certain. But it would seem to mean “drink not made from grapes.” Of such only pomegranate wine is named in the Bible (Cant 8:2), but a variety of such preparations (made from apples, quinces, dates, barley, etc) were known to the ancients and must have been used in Pal also. The tr “strong drink” is unfortunate, for it suggests “distilled liquor,” “brandy,” which is hardly in point. See *Drink, Strong*.

(8) In the Apoc and NT “wine” represents *οἶνος*, *oínos*, **with certain compounds, except in Acts 2:13, where the Gr is γλεῦκος, *gleúkos*, “sweet,” EV “new wine.”** See also Blood; Drink; Flagon; Fruit; Honey.

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O.T. Words for “Wine” • TIROSH(used 38 times) • Refers to what we call “grape juice” • Isa. 65:8; Joel 2:24; Hos. 9:2; Prov. 3:10 • Generally approved for consumption • SHEKAR(used 22 times) • Denoted & usually translated “strong drink” • Alcohol raised by more sugar or non-grape • Generally condemned for consumption • Modern alcoholic beverages fall in this group • YAYIN(some give as yanin - used 135 times) • Generally used of wine with some alcohol • About half of references clearly forbid use • Approved for non-consumptive uses • Jews of later period noted 3 distinct kinds

[“Wine” \(oinos\) in N.T. • Greek word for “wine” was oinos • Word could refer to juice freshly squeezed from grape or fermented wine in origin • Whatever the origin,](#)

mixture of water & above was called “wine” (oinos) • Plutarch (Symposiacs III, ix): “We call a mixture ‘wine’ (oinos) although the larger component parts is water.” • Everett Ferguson (Encyclopedia of Early Christianity, p. 939): “The ordinary table beverage of Mediterranean world was a mixture of wine and water.” • Thus, modern “wine” is not same as N.T. “wine”

18. Robert H. Stein, “Wine-Drinking in New Testament Times,” Christianity Today, (June 20, 1975), pp. 9-10 It is evident that wine was seen in ancient times as a medicine (and as a solvent for medicine) and of course as a beverage. Yet as a beverage it was always thought of as a mixed drink. Plutarch (Symposiacs III, ix), for instance states, “We call a mixture ‘wine,’ although the larger of the component parts is water.” The ratio of water might vary, but only barbarians drank it unmixed, and a mixture of wine and water of equal parts was seen as “strong drink” and frowned upon. The term “wine” or oinos in the ancient world, then, did not mean wine as we understand it today but wine mixed with water. Usually a writer simply referred to the mixture of water and wine as “wine.” To indicate that the beverage was not a mixture of water and wine he would say “unmixed (akratesteron) wine.”

19. Ratios of Water to Wine • Homer (Odyssey IX, 208f.): 20 to 1 • Pliny (Nat. Hist. XIV, vi, 54): 8 to 1 • Athenaeus (Learned Banquet): 3 to 1 • Alexis (The Nurse): 4 to 1 • Hesiod: 3 to 1 • Ion (On Chios): 3 to 1 • Talmud (Shabbath 77a): 3 to 1 • Nichochares: 5 to 2 • Clement (Instructor II, ii): “It is best for the wine to be mixed with as much water as possible.”

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Should I drink a little alcohol or nothing? (1 Timothy 5:23)

Would Kermit preferred to be filled with the hand of a Master Puppeteer? God? Or spirits?

Kermit the Frog, Drinking will likely make you croak early!

Hey baby, want to come to my Pad?

Miss Piggy nags me all the time because She is the one who brings home the bacon! Not me

Ever since Trump brought in Doge and took our funding!

Notice his "Little" wasn't little! But then again, he drinks like a fish

Paul adds a personal note to young Timothy

- Timothy was ONLY drinking water
- Some suggest an unnecessary Asceticism (4:3-4)
- Some believe Tim's timidity & stress caused ulcers
– 2 Timothy 1:7

[2Ti 1:7 NLT] 7 **For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity**, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

5 charges in 1st Tim. Don't let anyone look down on your youth

Asceticism = self denial for religious purposes

When **James Moffatt** penned his famous translation of the Bible, he left this verse out because he did not think it was part of Paul's original since it is so **seemingly out of place**. However, there is no doubt that it is in the original. And J. N. D. Kelly has wisely noted that **"the very banality of the verse strikes a note of authenticity."**

According to 4:3, 4 the false teachers "forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

Timothy was not to participate in such asceticism in his pursuit of purity. Rather, he was to "use a little wine" to promote his good health. Paul concurred with the ancient world's use of wine for medicinal purposes, especially in respect to stomach problems, as taught by Hippocrates (Ancient Medicine, 13), the Talmud (Berakoth, Baba Bathra, 58b), Plutarch (Advice About Keeping Well), and Pliny (Natural History, 217). So the logic here is: " 'Keep yourself pure.' But in doing

so, do not adopt the errant asceticism of the false teachers.”

In the fourth century **Chrysostom** wrote, “**He does not however allow him to indulge freely in wine, but as much as was for health.**”

And in the sixteenth century **Calvin** remarked: “**He seems to be speaking of ‘a little’ wine to be guarding against intemperance.**”¹³

The perils of legalism and asceticism can entrap the most holy people, people like dear, godly Timothy! **Certainly the Bible teaches temperance, but not self-righteous asceticism**

Wiersbe. Many a worldly Christian has fled to v. 23 to support his or her bad habits. While the Bible does not demand total abstinence, it does encourage restraint; in any event, this verse applies to a special situation. To begin with, Paul was urging Timothy to take care of his body; and by no stretch of the imagination can we believe that by drinking alcohol, we will better our bodies. The drinker is often the person with the sickest body. **The wine that Paul prescribed was to help Timothy’s stomach; it was medicine, not a social beverage. (Some have suggested that Timothy’s problems with his church officers had given him ulcers!)**

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[**2Co 2:16** ESV] 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. **Who is sufficient for these things?**

[**2Co 2:17** ESV] 17 **For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.**

[**2Co 3:5-6** ESV] 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

A dark, moody painting of a man, likely Paul, writing a letter. He is seated at a desk, leaning forward with his head bowed, focused on his work. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on his face and hands, and deep shadows elsewhere. The background is dark and indistinct, emphasizing the subject.

Paul adds a personal note to young Timothy

- The text says it's purposeful (health) and minimal (little)!
- What message does this send to Health, wealth, prosperity?
- Ministry is impossible!



Prov.23:29- passage is the strongest one against drink

See the snake wrapped around his arm and wine glass?!!

Wine bottle called bites and stings!

Proverbs 20

- Proverbs 20:1 – Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise – 21:17, 23:29-35
- While scripture does speak well of wine it mostly warns!

Prov 20 Don't be a FOOL

[Pro 23:20-21, 29-35 ESV] 20 **Be not among drunkards** or among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 **for the drunkard** and the glutton **will come to poverty**, and slumber will clothe them with rags. ...

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[Pro 3:10 ESV] **10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.**

[Pro 4:17 ESV] 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

[Pro 9:2, 5 ESV] 2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ... 5 "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

[Pro 21:17 ESV] 17 Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine

and oil will not be rich.

[Pro 31:4, 6 ESV] 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, ... 6 Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress;



Proverbs 23

- Vs 30 – Those who tarry long over wine
- Vs 32 – it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder
- Vs 35 – I must have another drink (“I need a drink”)

DANGERS OF ALCOHOL 1

Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search
of mixed wine. Proverbs 23:29-30



Scripture warns far more about Alcohol than praises it!

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We ALL know these are Real Dangers

I've heard so many people laugh and "Boast of vomiting on a drunken binge as if that's wonderful?!!

Some research shows that as many as **86% of people who committed homicide were drinking at the time of the offense.** Similarly, **60% of sexual offenders and 57% of men convicted of domestic violence were**

intoxicated when they committed these crimes.[3]

In 2021, an estimated **13,384 people** died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths, which is a **14% increase** from 2020.[4]

Alcohol is a very effective
dissolving agent.

It dissolves families, marriages,
friendships, jobs, bank accounts and
neurons, but **NEVER** problems.



When your drinking wears off, the Problems will be waiting, if not added to!

Total Abstinence?

- Numbers 6:3, 20 – Nazirites like Samson, Samuel? and Jesus?
- Proverbs 31:4 – It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink.

Is there an argument for Total Abstinence? At least for periods of time, like in service

Nazirites – Zealous servants of the Lord
Kings and Rulers
Priests
John the Baptist

How many Prophets and People of God were known as Drinkers or abusers of substances? Few to None and those who were shammed!

"Nazirite" comes from the Hebrew word *nazir* meaning "consecrated"^[9] or "separated",^[10] and may be ultimately derived from a root meaning "vow", similar to the Hebrew *neder*.^[10]

Jdg 13:5, 7, 14, 24 for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for **the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb**, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines." ... 7 but he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for **the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death**.'" ... 14 She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe." ... 24 And **the woman bore a son and called his name Samson**. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. **1Sa 1:11, 20** [ESV] 11 And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will **give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head**." ... 20 **And in due time**

Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

It is important to make the distinction, since **Jesus was often called a Nazarene** (e.g., [Mark 10:47](#) and [Acts 22:8](#)) but not a Nazirite.

Jesus could not have been a Nazirite since He did drink wine, as recorded in the gospels. In fact, His first miracle was to change water into wine at the marriage in Cana ([John 2:1–11](#)), and we assume that He drank some of that. Also, at the Last Supper Jesus drank wine: "After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes'" ([Luke 22:17–18](#)). If Jesus had taken a Nazirite vow, He could not have consumed any product of the vine.

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[Mat 2:23 ESV] 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that **what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.**

[Mar 14:67 ESV] 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "**You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.**"

[Lev 10:9 ESV] 9 "Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

[Lev 10:10-11 ESV] 10 You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, 11 and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the LORD has spoken to them by Moses."

[Num 6:3, 20 ESV] 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried. ... 20 and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. They are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed. And after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

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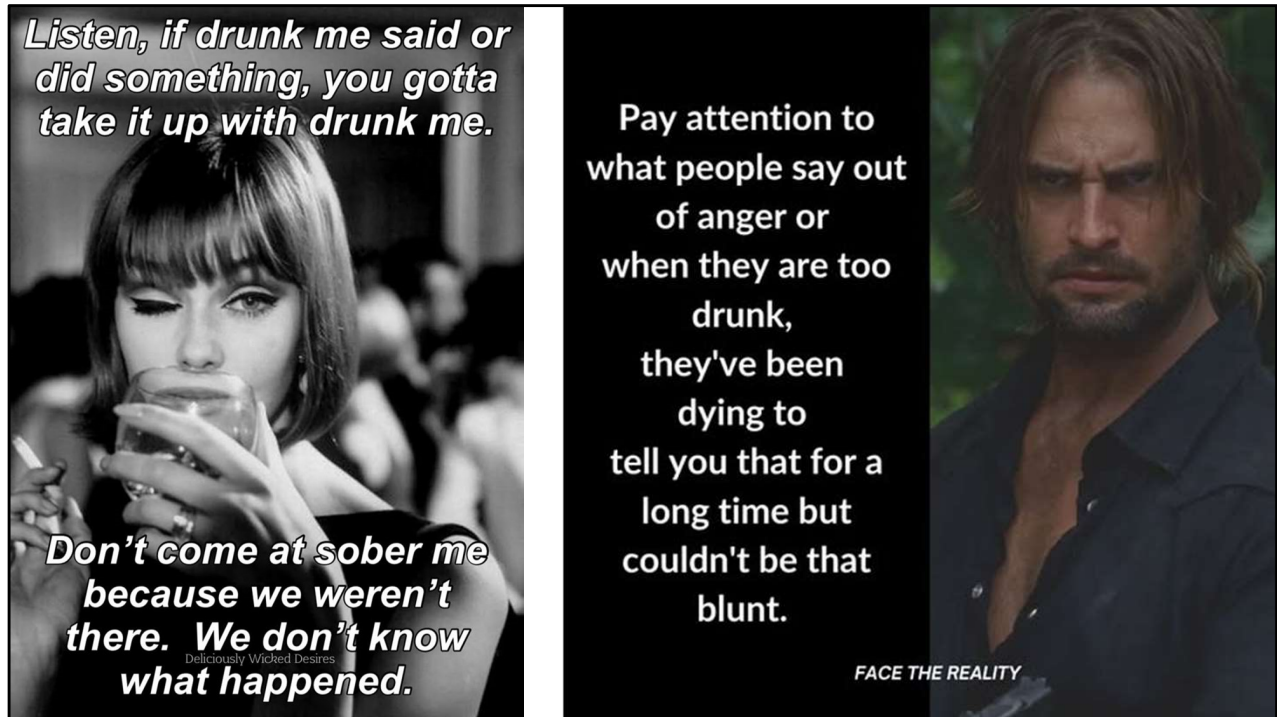
[Isa 28:7 ESV] 7 These also reel with wine and stagger with strong drink; **the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed by wine, they stagger with strong drink, they reel in vision, they stumble in giving judgment.**

[Jer 35:5-6 ESV] 5 Then I set before the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, "Drink wine." 6 But they answered, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, 'You shall not drink wine, neither you nor your sons forever. [Luk 1:15 ESV] 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

[Eze 44:21 ESV] 21 **No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court.**

Total Abstinence?

- Ezekiel 44:21 – No priest shall drink wine ...
- Luke 1:15 – ‘for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.’ – John the Baptist



Listen, if drunk me said or did something, you gotta take it up with drunk me.'? People who choose to surrender control of themselves to a substance are NOT Absolved of all words and actions, your more culpable for letting loose your flesh!

Even if you were at all attractive, you aren't now!

If its so as you say that drunkenness is a blank check excuse, does that also work for the drunk man who drunken date raped you?!

Pay attention to what people say out of anger or when they are too drunk, they've been dying to tell you that for a long time but couldn't be that blunt

Being drunk lowers your inhibitions so you say things you normally wouldn't say.

"A drunk mind speaks a sober heart."

Only 3 types of people tell the truth! Kids, the angry and the Drunk!!! (And the true Christian!!!)

Prevalence, Risks, and Consequences of Alcohol Use in the United States

Past-Year Alcohol Use
% of population

177,278,000
62.5%



Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD)
% of population

28,859,000
10.2%

Emergency Department Visits

4,126,082
All alcohol-related



Alcohol-Related Deaths

178,307
Annual deaths

61,063
Acute
(e.g., injury)

117,245
Chronic
(e.g., liver disease)

Sources: 2023 NSDUH Tables 2.26A&B, 5.1A&B; 2021 HCUP-NEDS; 2020–2021 CDC ARDI;
* Acute and chronic alcohol-related deaths do not add to the total due to rounding.

Some research shows that as many as

86% of people who committed homicide were drinking at the time of the offense.

Similarly, **60% of sexual offenders and 57% of men convicted of domestic violence were intoxicated** when they committed these crimes.[3]

In 2021, an estimated 13,384 people died in alcohol-impaired driving traffic deaths, which is a 14% increase from 2020.[4]

484 billion spent on Addiction, more than Diabetes and Cancer

Alcohol addiction is greater than drug addiction in America and alcohol kills more than opioids do each year! Yet its largely ignored!

Studies show that in any given year, 400,000 college students report having sex without a condom after drinking.[5]



Why do people abuse substances?

- Escape! Running *from* hurt, guilt, shame, loss, failure, regret
- Pursue! Running *after* Peace, Joy (Pleasure, fun), Love (pals)
- Rest! Running *in circles*, lost purpose & meaning, exhausted

Escape? NUMB themselves! The Devil is relentless and effective Accuser and The HS is the hound of heaven! There is NO escape! To Unburden

We have dreams. We can see what is possible, unburdened by what has been," Harris said. "What can be, unburdened by what has been" There is NO PEACE for the wicked!

**Whip, Taskmaster of sin
Haunted**

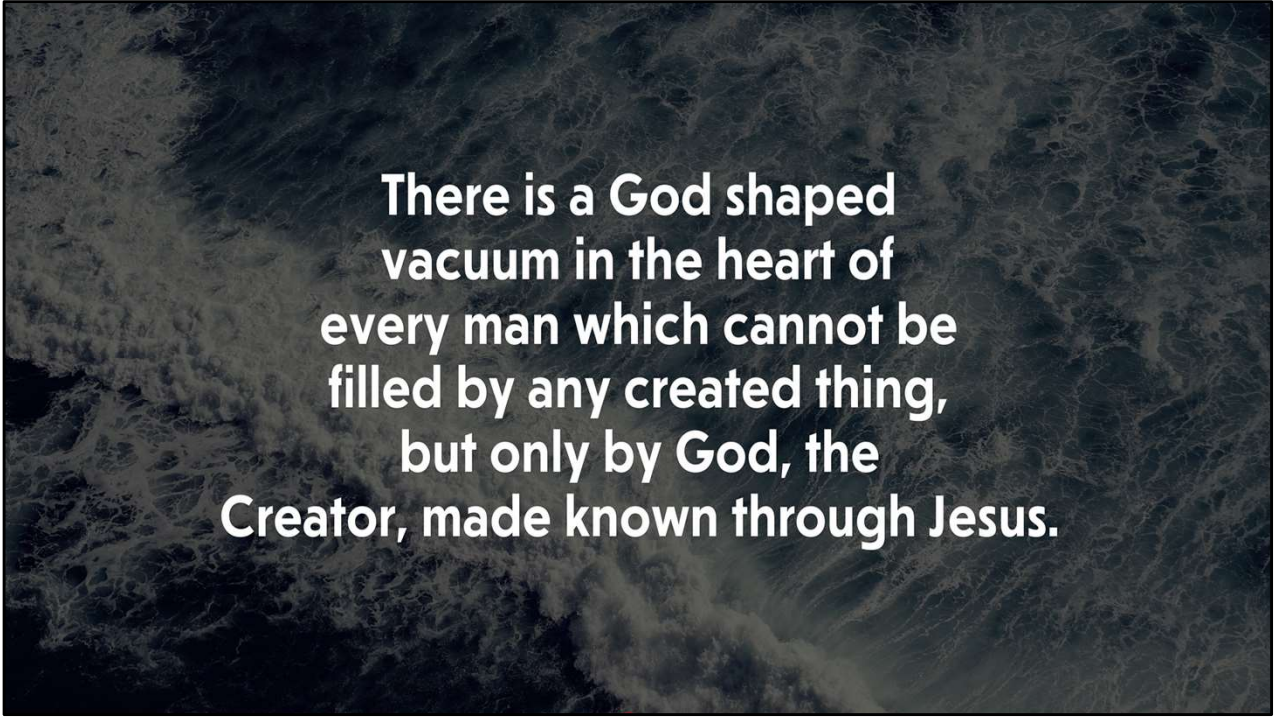
**Pursue! Looking for something because what they've had is so lacking and insufficient! Somethings Missing?!! They long for something MORE! Better! Looking for LOVE in ALL the wrong places! Taking Satan's counterfeits! Carrot of pleasure, Euphoria! Reward reinforcement for desired behaviors
Hunting**

**Rest: From self discipline – let hair down, Uninhibited, Don't care what others think, Be your true self instead of living up to others expectations
Our only rest is in Christ!
Hollow**

We want all the fruit and benefits of the Holy Spirit, without the sanctifying and purifying work of the Holy one! Its not possible!

Why do people abuse substances?

- Man's rebellion killed our spirit. We are voids, missing???
- What we are looking for can ONLY be Found in God!



**There is a God shaped
vacuum in the heart of
every man which cannot be
filled by any created thing,
but only by God, the
Creator, made known through Jesus.**

C.S. Lewis said it this way: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

He has made everything *beautiful* in its time. Also, he has put *eternity* into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

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Alcohol: The Bible Hall of Shame

- Noah's post flood drunkenness led to unspoken shame – Genesis 9
- Lot's post fiery rain drunkenness led to reverse incest – Genesis 19
- Israel got drunk, naked & worshipped a golden calf – Exodus 32

Alcohol: The Bible Hall of Shame

**Shame comes when we seek anything other than God on the hardest days!
You make me want to Vomit**

[Ecc 2:1-3, 10-11 ESV] **1 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" 3 I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine--my heart still guiding me with wisdom--and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ... 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.**

[Exo 32:4, 6-9, 25-28, 30-31 ESV] **4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ... 6 And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. 7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who**

brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ... 25 And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies), 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. 27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.'" 28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about three thousand men of the people fell. ... 30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." 31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.

Hab.2:15 "Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness!

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- David tried to get Uriah drunk to hide His adultery – 2 Samuel 11
- Solomon confessed it did not satisfy
 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10,11
- Drink used for sexual seduction
 - Habakkuk 2:15

spirits	Spirit (Holy)
<p>fermented substance</p> <p>mood manipulator</p> <p>surrender control</p> <p>temporary</p> <p>false fruit</p> <p>danger of slavery</p> <p>pleasure as an idol</p>	<p>3rd person Trinity (relational)</p> <p>Fruitfulness: love, joy, peace</p> <p>Surrender control</p> <p>Permanent indwelling, taste of heaven</p> <p>True 'to the bone' purpose</p> <p>Set Free to be!</p> <p>God's love makes me happy</p>

Will you chose an Idol? Or the powerful Holy Spirit?

Get drunk! In the Holy Spirit!

- 1 Corinthians 6:10 – nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. – Galatians 5
- Ephesians 5:18 – And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

So what is the Application?!!

[1Co 6:10 ESV] 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

[Act 2:1, 4, 6, 12-13, 15, 17-18, 21 ESV] 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ... 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ... 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ... 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ... 17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ... 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

1Co 6:12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. (Rom.6-7)

Gal 5:21 ESV] 21 envy, **drunkenness**, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, **as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God**.

[Deu 21:20 ESV] 20 and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is

stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

[Luk 21:34 ESV] 34 "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

[Rom 13:13 ESV] 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

[1Co 5:11 ESV] 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

[Eph 5:18 ESV] 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

[1Th 5:7 ESV] 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

[1Pe 4:3 ESV] 3 For **the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do**, living in sensuality, passions, **drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties**, and lawless idolatry.

Get drunk! In the Holy Spirit!

- Acts 2:13 – But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” (Pentecost, filled with the Spirit”
- Be filled “Drunk” in the Spirit! Removing inhibitions in faith!

BE NOT DRUNK

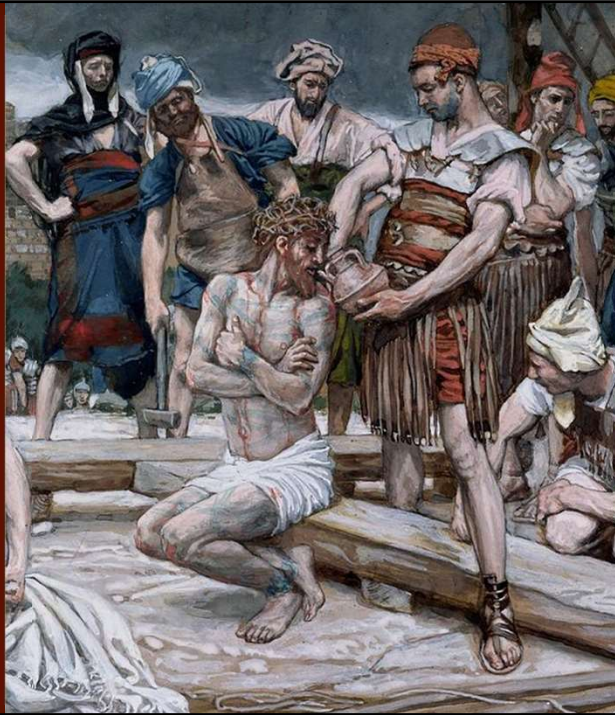


EPHESIANS 5:18

AND BE NOT DRUNK WITH WINE, WHEREIN IS EXCESS; BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT;

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it."

Matthew 27:33-34



"They gave Me also gall for My food, and in My thirst, they gave Me vinegar to drink."

Psalms 69:31

Correction Ps.69:21

What does it say When Our Savior refused Alcohol, when any and ALL of us would've chosen it in that moment?

Some falsely see contradiction in Jesus and alcohol at the Crucifixion.

Jesus Was Offered it and rejected it!

Jesus Chose to suffer the full wrath of God without any mental/physical escape!

He may have drank it in the last minute as He surrendered His spirit when it made no difference.

He said he wouldn't drink again WITH his disciples until the Kingdom, they weren't there!

[Mat 27:34, 48 ESV] 34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ... 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.

[Psa 69:21 ESV] 21 They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

[Mar 15:23 ESV] 23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

[Jhn 19:28-30 ESV] 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to

his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[Mat 27:35 ESV] 35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

[Mat 26:29 ESV] 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

[Mar 14:25 ESV] 25 Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

[Luk 22:18 ESV] 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.



Spirits or THE Spirit?!!

Choose!