

When is a Drinker Drunk?

That drunkenness is sinful appears to be at least one thing to which all who respect God's will agree. We should agree out of respect for the word of God. "And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). Warnings against it are also found in 1 Thess 5:7; Rom. 13:13; 1 Pet. 4:3 and 1 Cor. 6:10. The sin of drunkenness is one of the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:21).

Paul says do not be drunk with wine because there is riot and excess in the intoxicating wine one drinks. Paul identifies the intoxicating properties of wine, and all other beverages that produce inebriation. Intoxicating wine has within it that which produces riot and excess. Solomon also described the inherent properties of wine. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). To drink it will make one drunk.

The word for "riot" is from a term that "implies the gravest moral censure." (J.O.F. Murray, Cambridge Greek N.T. for Schools and Colleges). It is defined by Edward Robinson as, "debauchery." In the New Testament it is associated often with revelry.

As one drinks intoxicating beverages just when is that person drunk? Is there a standard by which to know when one starts getting drunk? Nothing is said in any warning about drunkenness as to "how drunk" one is before he sins. It is just "drunkenness" and it is sin. It is not possible for one who is drinking alcoholic beverages to know the point at which soberness crosses into inebriation.

Consider a Bible principle. The Lord spoke a parable on preparedness to his disciples and said, "Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Luke 12:40). Peter asked him if the parable was to the apostles or to all. Jesus intimated this was to those he would leave as authorities in his church. Those in a position of leadership in the church should set a sober example to those they lead. The Lord then gave this application.

He said there was this servant who thought his master would not be coming soon and he began "to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken" (verse 45). This is one instance in scripture that deals with when drunkenness begins.

If the servant began beating other servants, would we not assume the beating began with the first blow? He began to eat and drink. When do people normally begin eating -- with the first bite or much later?

The servant began to drink "and be drunken." The word for "be drunken" is the Greek word, derived from *methuo*. When did he do to "be drunk"? By the same token, it is when he began to drink --with the first sip.

To those who drink intoxicants moderately, how do you do not meet the biblical criteria for being drunk after the first swig? DRS

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Fathers, What is Your Legacy?

Inheritance is important. Good fathers desire to leave something behind for their children (Prov. 13:22). Old Testament law even regulated the passing down of a father's possessions (Deut. 21:15-17; Num. 27:8-11). As fathers, what sort of inheritance would we like to see our children get?

Material Possessions. There is nothing wrong with money, if possessed and used in godly ways. The Lord certainly wants us to provide for our families (1 Tim. 5:8). However, Paul also warned Timothy that the "love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10), and Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters (Matt. 6:24). So while we certainly can be interested in provided a material inheritance for our children, we must also be aware that riches will grow wings (Prov. 23:5). Worldly possessions will rust, and are subject to the thievery of men (Matt. 6:20). A material inheritance can be good for our families, but isn't there something better?

Eternal Possessions. While fathers cannot literally pass down eternal life to their children, they can certainly influence their children towards it! We can store up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:20), and in so doing set the right example for our children. Fathers are tasked with the responsibility of bringing up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). In so doing, we can pass down to our children a legacy of faith that could last them for eternity!

Fathers, it is good to provide for our family's physical wellbeing. But the greatest legacy you can leave your children is faith in God and a Christian example that will span the ages!

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Granny's Glasses

"Wouldn't you hate to wear glasses all the time?" asked Billy of his friend. "Noooo," his friend answered. "Not if I had the kind grandma wears. She sees how to fix a lot of things, and she sees a lot of nice thing to do on a rainy day, and she sees when folks are tired and sad and what will make them feel better, and she always sees what you meant to do even if you didn't get things just right. I asked her one day how she could see that way all the time and she said it was the way she learned to look at things as she grew older. So it must be her glasses." *Steven Clark Goad, Blythe, CA Bulletindigest.com*

Those to Serve

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1st prayer Mike Mallett
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Letha Sheldon
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Ruby Jones
Lloyd Crownover
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Rescue Personal

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Mike Lovell July 16th

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Dates to Remember

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Father's Day

June 21st

First Day of Summer

June 25th

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July 4th

Independence Day

Men's Business meeting

June 25th 1 pm

Contrasting Colors

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"