

We read in 2 Peter 1:5-8, “⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Add to Your Faith the Virtue of
ABSTAINING FROM ALCOHOL

"Abstinence" refers to totally abstaining from drinking alcohol as a beverage.

Important Note: The word "wine" in the Bible is a generic word. It refers not just to alcoholic beverages but literally to any form of the grapes. Wine may be fresh grapes, raisins, jelly, preserves, syrup, unfermented juice, or fermented juice. Wine in Bible days was very weak compared to alcohol today. Plus it was nearly always mixed with at least three parts of water before drank. Only those who purposed to get drunk would drink undiluted wine. For more information read *Bible Wines or Laws of Fermentation and Wines of the Ancients* by William Patton

1. Look up each of the verses below and write down Bible principles that you can learn from them about this virtue. A "principle" is a "truth you can live

by." Be prepared to discuss your answers.

a. Proverbs 20:1 _____

b. Proverbs 23:31 _____

c. Proverbs 23:32 _____

d. Proverbs 23:33 _____

e. Daniel 1:8 _____

f. Hosea 4:11 _____

g. Romans 13:13 _____

h. 1 Corinthians 8:13 Could a Christian cause someone to stumble if he took just ONE drink?

i. 1 Corinthians 10:31 _____

j. 2 Corinthians 7:1 _____

k. Ephesians 5:11 _____

l. Ephesians 5:18 Note that "excess" does not mean "too much" but "riot." _____

m. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 _____

n. 1 Peter 1:14-16 _____

2. What does drinking potentially lead to? Proverbs 23:21 _____

3. In the light of the verses above, is it possible that the Holy Son of God turned water into alcoholic drink? John 2:7-10 _____

4. What reason does Romans 13:14 give for completely abstaining from alcohol? _____

5. What does 1 Corinthians 5:11 say about a Christian that becomes a drunk? _____

6. Is it possible to become a drunkard if you do not drink at all? _____

7. Is it possible to become a drunkard if you drink occasionally? _____

8. Is drinking alcoholic beverages necessary? _____

9. In the light of what you have read, can drinking alcoholic beverages, even occasionally, be God's will for a Christian? _____

10. What would Jesus do? Being the holy God that he is and the Author of the above Scripture verses, would Jesus have a glass of wine with his meal? Would he drink a beer with the neighbour? _____

11. If you are still not convinced that a Christian should never drink alcohol, look up every reference to drinking in the Bible. You will discover that the majority of verses on the subject speak of it in a negative light.

12. Visit a very helpful website that gives seven reasons not to drink.
<http://logosresourcepages.org/Believers/drinking.htm>

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Does God Say it is Okay for a Christian to

Drink Alcohol?



That is a question asked by many Christians. The best way to know is to get out your Bible and research the subject for yourself.