

Drugs and Alcohol

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Three Considerations For The Believer.

I TIMOTHY 1:5 (NASB) But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

I CORINTHIANS 6:12 (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.

I. What is Helpful?

I THESSALONIANS 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

ROMANS 14:20,21 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

ROMANS 13:13 (NIV) Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

II. Seek God First.

MATTHEW 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

MATTHEW 6:31-34 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

ROMANS 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

HEBREWS 12:1,2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PROVERBS 20:1 A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

PROVERBS 25:28 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

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

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

III. Fear the Lord.

I THESSALONIANS 5:1-8 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

PSALM 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

PSALM 34:9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

LUKE 21:34 "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.
