

Drink Responsibly?

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God said, "WINE is a MOCKER, strong drink is RAGING: and whosoever is DECEIVED thereby is not wise" (Proverbs:20:1).

People who drink risk family, friends, and jobs, while those who lead sober lives reap the rewards of life. Sorrow and depression accompany a life of addiction. If you are one of them, **YOU** are being deceived right now.



Industries that profit from "addiction" know what it takes to keep customers. Just as Satan seduced Eve instead of Adam, these industries influence our children instead of adults.

They know that children watch and imitate their parents, both good and bad. Children play dress-up, they play house, and they play cops and robbers. Businesses use this knowledge to deceitfully target children, using adults in their ads and commercials.

Chances are, you took your first drink, smoked your first cigarette, or experienced your first drug while in your **youth**, and against your parents wishes. God explains why: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child" (Proverbs 22:15).

This is why God gives one simple command to children: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephes. 6:1-3).

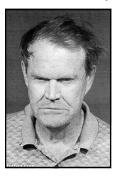
Disobedience is key to the troubles of our youth.





Other industries like Hollywood, TV, Fashion, Music and Gaming are becoming a lifelong distraction in the lives of our children.





Poor Glen Campbell! What a transformation alcohol can make!



Satan knows that NO drunkard "...shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10 & Galatians 5:21) and he wants you leave this earth without the following warning:

"Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:29-32).

<u>Intoxication</u> begins the moment you take your first drink, causing you to act before you can think. Your bodily senses gradually become impaired and slowly weaken. Your perception changes, your tongue loosens, boundaries slowly fade and your morals and values are gradually compromised.

Proverbs 23:19-21 "... my son...be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall cloth a man with rags."



Unaware that your reaction time has lessened, and yet, filled with confidence, deceit sends you out into eternity unprepared to meet your God.



Many lives are destroyed by drinking. You may be one of them. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Then ask Him to save you, and make you His child now, and He will deliver you. Tell God these words: "Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink" (Psalm 69:14).