

# Cursing

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## Ephesians 4:29-30

- **29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.**
- **Really Ephesians 4: 17-31**

## Ephesians 5: 4-5

- **4Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God**

## Colossians 3:7-8

**7**You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8**But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

## James 3:8-10

- **But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.**

# Colossians 4:6

- Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

# Matthew 15:18-20

- But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

# Drinking

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# What does the Bible Say about drinking?

- **The Bible states drinking is acceptable with limits. The limit is not to drink with the intention to get drunk, which will then cause you to fall into drunkenness.**
- **Drunkenness is not acceptable based on the Bible.**
- **Scripture: Ephesians 5:18** - <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.. **Romans 13:13** - <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.
- **Self control is necessary: Romans 12:1**- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2Peter 1:6** - <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

# Question is...

- **What are your motives for drinking? Most motives are to blend-in, relax, be merry, be social, etc. Do we not get these things and more fulfilled by Christ alone with no additional substance?**
- **Scripture: Proverbs 20:27-** <sup>27</sup> The LORD's light penetrates the human spirit, [\[a\]](#) exposing every hidden motive. **James 4:3-** <sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.
- **God can give you the right motives if you ask: Psalm 19:14-** <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

# Question is...

- **What does drinking as a known Christian look like to the world and what does it mean? Could it be we look just like the world and our faith gets devalued or perceived incorrectly?**
- **Scripture: Ephesians 2:10** <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **2 Corinthians 3:18** <sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
- **Our behavior as Christians matter: Romans 12:2-** <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Titus 2:12** - <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

## Question is...

- What type of environments usually condone drinking? Clubs, social, mostly ungodly environments. Does this mean that we could be opening the doors for more temptation?
- **Scripture: Ephesians 4:27** <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.
- **You can resist the enemy through God: James 4:7** <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

# Does strong brand power for Christ matter?

- **Strong Positive Brand Power for Christ is a necessary component needed to win souls for Christ . If drinking within Biblical limits still allows you to be a positive brand for Christ, than win souls and represent God with no condemnation**
- **Scripture: Romans 8:1-** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
- **Being the light of the world is not an option:**  
**Matthew 5:14** <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.