

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

"You have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your Body" 1 Cor 6:20

It is a misuse of God's creation:

Titus 1:15 *"to the pure all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure"*

1 Tim 1:8 *"we know the law is good, if one uses it lawfully"*

Rms 14:4 *"nothing is unclean in itself"*

Jude 4 *"turn the grace of our God into licentiousness"*

Prov 31:1-9 *"give strong drink to him who is perishing"*

It is an injurious and worthless act:

Matt 6:13 *"deliver us from evil"*

2 Cor 6:15 *"what harmony has Christ with Belial"*

2 Cor 7:1 *"Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh "*

Gal 5:17 *"the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit"*

Prov 23:29 *"Who has woe... sorrow... contention... complaining... who linger over wine..."*

Ps m 101:3 *"I will set no worthless thing before my eyes "*

Eph 5:18 *"Do not get drunk... that is dissipation...."*

1 Cor 10:6 *"Should not crave evil things"*

It is a stumbling block and offensive to others:

Rms 14:15 *"it is good not to do anything by which your brother stumbles"*

1 Cor 10:24 *"Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor"*

1 Cor 10:32 *"Give no offense" (Matthew 18:6-10)*

It is habit forming and thus flesh controlling:

Ga l 5:13 *"Do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh"*

2 Pet 2:19 *"By what a man is overcome by this he is enslaved"*

Rms 6:14 *"Sin shall not be master over you"*

James 1:14 *"Each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust" Psm*

36:4 *"He sets himself on a path that is not good; he does not despise evil" (Psm 97:10)*

It is disdained by society and labeled as a vice and menace to others:

Rms 12:17 *"Respect what is right in the sight of all men" (1 Cor 10:33) 2 Cor 8:21*

"We have regard for what is honorable... in the sight of all men"

It creates a hard and defiant heart:

2 Pet 2:19 *"slaves of corruption"*

Rev 9:21 *"Did not repent of their drugs"*

James 1:17 *"To one who knows the right thing to do and does it not, to him it is sin..."*

Heb 10:26 *"If we go on sinning willfully...."*

1 Cor 15:34 *"Be sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning"*

It is the opposite of love:

1 Cor 13 *"Love does not seek its own"*

Phil 2:1-5

Romans 15:1,2