

A Bridge to Recovery, Biblical Addiction Counsel

Core Truth #7 The priorities in my life dictate the progress of my life.

Mat.6:33. View Video at <https://recovery-bridge.com/core-truths/>

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The Bridge to Recovery* is a faith-based program that helps overcome battles with personal life struggles and addictions. God's Word, the Holy Bible shows amazing truths that lead to incredible victories.

A Bridge to Recovery: For people struggling with addictions or others seeking Biblical Christian counseling for Anger; Anxiety; Depression; et.al. While winter lasts in upstate New York Pastor Rice intends to Zoom meet weekly on Saturday Noon to 1 pm with 12 Bridge to Recovery lessons. You may Join Zoom Meetings at: Meeting ID: 491 867 1652 Passcode: GSBC

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Working Through Scripture

Core Truths 5-8

Truth 5. Meditating on God's word will help me find victory and freedom. Psalms 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

Truth 6. Fixing the root will change the fruit... genuine change comes from the inside out. II Corinthians 10:3-5, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ..."

Truth 7. The priorities in my life dictate the progress of my life. Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Truth 8. Life is not made by my desires, but by my decisions. Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Differentiate Wine and Strong Drink

Old Testament Analysis

Wine is Juice of the Grape:

Isa 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

Wine differentiated as Strong Drink.

Pr 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov.23:29 ... Who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

OT Strong Drink Abstinence

Prov.20:1 **Wine is a mocker ...**

Prov.23:31 **Look not thou upon the wine**

For Priests: Lev.10:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, 9 **Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee,** when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: ***it shall be a statute for ever***

throughout your generations: 10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; 11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

For a Nazarite <05139 נָזִיר *naziyr* = a consecrated or devoted one>: Num.6:3 **He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink,**

For Kings: Prov.31:4 *It is not for kings, O Lemuel, **it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:*** 5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Who can drink Wine and Strong Drink

Old Testament Analysis

For The Commoner on a Pilgrimage

De 14:26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or **for wine**, or for **strong drink**, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

For The Perishing:

Prov.31:6 Give **strong drink** unto him that is ready to perish, **and wine** unto those that be of heavy hearts. 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

The Principle and Purpose of Abstinence

For Priests: Lev.10:9-11 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, ...

- 1) that ye may put difference between holy and unholy,
- 2) and between unclean and clean;
- 3) And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes ...

For Kings: Prov.31:4-5 ... *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

- 1) Lest they drink, and forget the law,
- 2) and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

Drunkenness' first occurrence:

Gen10:20-27 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. ...

Abstinence For a Nazarite

<05139 נָזִיר *naziyr* = a consecrated or devoted one> Not a Nazarene!

Num.6:3 He shall separate ***himself*** from wine and strong drink.

Num.6:2-8 When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to **separate *themselves* unto the LORD: He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor (juice) of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.** All the days of his separation shall he **eat nothing that is made of the vine tree**, from the kernels even to the husk. All the days of the vow of his separation there shall **no razor come upon his head**: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, **he shall be holy**, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD **he shall come at no dead body**. He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: **because the consecration of his God is upon his head.** All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.

Nazarite Examples i.e. a consecrated or devoted one

:Judg.13:5 ... no razor shall come on his head: for the child (Samson) shall be a **Nazarite** (a consecrated or devoted one) unto God from the womb: ...

Jud 13:7 Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a **Nazarite** to God from the womb to the day of his death. .. to Delilah, Jud 16:17 There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a **Nazarite** unto God from my mother's womb:

Lam.4:7 Her **Nazarites** (consecrated or devoted ones) were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

Am 2:11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for **Nazarites** (consecrated or devoted ones). *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. 12 But ye gave the **Nazarites** wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.

Prov.20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov 23:29 ¶ Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. 35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, *and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

The Principle and Purpose of Abstinence

Proverbs 20:1 **Mockery, Raging, Foolish**

Raging = violent and forceful activity

Proverbs 23:28-35 **Woe, Sorrow, Contentions, Babbling, Wounds, Redness of Eyes.**

Tarrying Long, Seek Stronger Drink Biteth like a serpent, Stingeth like an Adder,

Strange Women, Saying Perverse Things, Perverse = Opposing, Resisting, Contradicting

Stupid Danger, Stupid Situations, Stricken and beaten Feeling it Not.

Sleeping it off – Hangover

ADDICTION

New Testament Analysis of Drinking Strong Drink:

Jesus never made it!

Jesus never drank it!

Jesus never served it!

John 2:9-10 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, ... the governor ... called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth **good wine**; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the **good wine** until now.
(NOT STRONG DRINK)

Isa 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new **wine** is found in the **cluster**, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

Also Num.6:3 liquor of grapes, is just ... JUICE of grapes!

A Drinking "Christian's" Scripture Abuse:

Lu 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and **to be drunken** <3182>;

Eph 5:18 And be not **drunk** <3182> with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1Th 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and **they that be drunken** <3182> are drunken in the night.

Strong's 3182 μεθύσκω methusko AV-be drunk

ken 2, be drunk 1; 3 times, def: to intoxicate, make drunk; to get drunk, become intoxicated.

"Intoxicated" means being affected to the point of **impaired mental** or physical control.

One is Intoxicated after 1 beer (equivalent to 1 shot of liquor, 1.5 oz) , legally impaired after 3.

Also my drunk neighbor staggering around with a fifth of whiskey could quote verbatim,

1Ti 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a **little wine** for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

Medicinal alcohol is Vicks Formula 44D or Listerine Mouthwash NOT a beer or fifth of whiskey!

Communion Wine

Matt.26:26-29 *And as they were eating, (at the Feast of Unleavened Bread) Jesus took bread (Unleavened Bread), and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; **this is my body.***

Leaven is in type, in symbol, and in parable equated to SIN.

Leaven is a yeast (a single-celled microorganisms of the fungus kingdom), that causes fermentation in dough, the bubbles make it rise.

Leaven in wine makes bubbles “*when it moveth itself aright*”, look not on it, abstain from it, “*At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder*” (Prov.23:32-33).

“And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

*But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of **this fruit of the vine**, until that day when I **drink it new** with you in my Father’s kingdom.”*

Christians - Consecrated Kings & Priests

Re 1:6 And hath made us **kings** and **priests** unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Re 5:10 And hast made us unto our God **kings** and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.

Modernist ecumenical “Christianity” shows a depraved ignorance of Old Testament Scriptures which clearly promotes complete abstinence, and their use of alcoholic beverage for the Lord's Table is appallingly errant.

Bridge-To-Recovery Core Truth#8 Assignment

Get your notebook and write the eighth core truth with its Key Verse:

In your note book, Write out verbatim, the following key verses establishing abstinence from alcohol.

1. Proverbs 20:1
2. Isaiah 65:8
3. Leviticus 10:8-9
4. Numbers 6:2-3
5. Proverbs 31:4-7
6. Proverbs 23:29-35
7. Ephesians 5:17-20



From your notebook read through the key 12 verses to being born-again-saved: John 3:16,17,18, 36, 5:24, Romans 3:10,23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9,10,13.

Watch Core-Truths Video #8

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Call/Text your Mentor to report that you finish an assignment.

LIFE IS NOT MADE BY MY DESIRES, BUT BY MY DECISIONS.

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Core Truth 8. **Life is not made by my desires, but by my decisions.**
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