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THE CHRISTIAN AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- 1. What God Made Is Good Concerning** the material creation: “*And God saw that it was good.*” He then created man (Gen 1:31) and “*it was _____ good.*” (1 Tim 4:4) “*For every creature of God is _____ and nothing to be _____, ___ it be received with _____.*” Peter (Acts 10) had a _____ in which it was emphasized: *What _____ hath cleansed, that call not thou common.*” Verse? _____ (Jas 1:17) “*Every good _____ and every perfect gift is from _____.*” (1 Cor 10:26) “*For the _____ is the Lord's, and the _____ thereof.*”
- 2. But Man Can Abuse Good Gifts** We are stewards (ie: ones responsible for the supervision and management of affairs placed in our charge). Two important commands: (Gen 1:28) (a) “*Be _____, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*” (b) “*_____ it: and have _____ over the fish of the sea, and over the _____ of the air, and over every _____ thing that moveth upon the earth.*” Many practice abortion at will, even more condone it. God places great value on human life. Many are fanatical about *animal rights*. Fact: God placed the animals here for us to use. Man disregards God’s words: (1 Tim 4:3) “*Commanding to abstain from _____, which God hath created to be _____ with thanksgiving of them which _____ and know the _____.*” We are abusive: (a) We waste by extravagance. (b) We waste by not properly using what God has provided. We, like the “one-talent man,” fail to make use of what God has provided.
- 3. Do The Scriptures Specifically Condemn Drinking Alcoholic Beverages?** Contrary to what some assume, the answer is “NO!” Paul told Timothy: (1 Tim 5:23) “*Drink no longer _____, but use a _____ wine for thy stomach's _____ and thine often infirmities.*” Some argue that this wine could not have been alcoholic. **The following is reprinted from Holman’s Bible Dictionary:** Water was the primary drink. It was drawn from cisterns (2 Sam. 17:18; Jer. 38:6) or from wells (Gen. 29:2; John 4:11). In times of draught it was necessary to buy water (Deut. 2:28; Lam. 5:4). Milk was also a common beverage though it was considered a food rather than a drink. Several types of wine were consumed. “New” or “sweet” wine was likely wine from the first drippings of juice before the grapes had been trodden. Some interpreters argue that new wine was unfermented. Some texts in which it is mentioned, however, allude to its intoxicating effects (Hos. 4:11; Acts 2:13). In a hot climate before the invention of refrigeration, it was not possible to keep wine many months past the harvest before fermentation began. Sour wine, perhaps vinegar mixed with oil, was a common drink of day laborers (Ruth 2:14; Luke 23:36). Wine was considered a luxury item which could both gladden the heart (Ps. 104:15) or cloud the mind (Isa. 28:7; Hos. 4:11).
- 4. Is Drunkenness Condemned In The Scriptures?** (Rom 13:13) “*Let us walk _____, as in the day; not in rioting and _____.*” The Apostle (Gal 5:21) lists the “works of the flesh” and the third one is _____. (Hos 4:11) “*Whoredom and _____ and _____ wine take away the heart.*” (Eph 5:18) “*And be not _____ with wine, wherein is _____.*” Paul used the Gk word *oligos*, meaning *small, not much*, when he advised wine to Timothy for health reasons.

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