

5. **The Principle Of Moderation** The actual word *moderation* is used but once in the KJV. (Phil 4:5) “Let your _____ be known unto _____.” Does this admonition teach that it *does matter* what others think about us as Christians? ____ It is a discipline matter; a matter of self-control. In warning against fornication, Paul said, “*That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.*” Where? _____ What is our vessel? _____ What does *possess* mean? _____
6. **Strong Drink – Where Can It Lead?** (Prov 23:29-32) “Who hath ____? who hath _____? who hath _____? who hath _____? who hath _____ without cause? who hath _____ of eyes? They that _____ at the wine; they that go to seek _____ wine. Look not thou upon the _____ when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. _____ it _____ like a serpent, and _____ like an adder.” We should turn to _____ in our low moments instead of *spirituous fermenti*. (Ps 55:22) “Cast thy _____ upon the _____, and he shall _____ thee: he shall never suffer _____ to be moved.” We all need a prop. Lean on (Prov 3:5) the _____.
7. **Imbibing Alcohol Clouds Judgment, Decays Morals & Controls The Mind** (Isa 28:7) “But they also have _____ through wine, and through _____ drink are _____; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are _____ of wine, they are _____ through strong drink; they _____, they _____ in judgment.” Is being “out of the way” the same as being off track? ____ What does “err in vision” mean? _____ What about “stumble in judgment”? _____ We are told (2 Tim 1:7) that Christians are to have a _____ mind.
8. **What If We Defile (Impair) Our Body And Mind Through Substance Abuse?** There is much teaching in the NT on this subject. Paul said: (1 Cor 3:17) “If any man _____ the temple of God, him shall God _____; for the temple of God is _____, which temple ye are.” Is it sinful to be a drunkard? ____ Describe a drunkard? _____
9. **A Child Of God Is Forbidden To Be A Stumblingblock** We know that drinking alcoholic beverages is not *in and of itself* prohibited. We know that it becomes sinful if it progresses to drunkenness. We know drunkenness will damn our eternal soul. But, if I keep it *under control*, if I am *moderate* with it, may I not drink if I want to? (1 Cor 8:9) “But _____ lest by _____ means this _____ of yours become a _____ to them that are _____.” Can I deliberately and knowingly be a stumblingblock to someone and please God? ____ (Rom 14:16-17) “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not _____ and _____; but righteousness, and peace, and _____ in the Holy Ghost.”
10. **What Is My Scriptural Obligation As A Christian?** (Rom 14:13) “Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that _____ put a stumblingblock or an _____ in his brother's way.” You may say that you only drink in the privacy of your home, that no one knows but you, and that you can do it in good conscience. This may seem true but (Num 32:23) reads “be sure your _____ will _____ you out.”
11. **It’s Not Just Me** What about the *beverage* salesman? What about a passer-by who identifies your vehicle at the *spirits shop*? What about the second cousin that *boot-legs* it to you? What about the unexpected visitor that smells it on your breath? **Question:** Even if it is *red wine*, and you take it in moderation, in the privacy of your home, for medicinal purposes, is it really something you can do with a clean conscience? What if the *news* gets out? What if a *recovering* drug-dependent brother or sister finds out? Isn’t it a matter of daring sin to get you? Just how close to the edge of the cliff do you want to be? Will you be able to conscientiously use alcoholic drink or any mind-altering substance after studying this lesson? (Phil 4:5) “Let your moderation _____ to all men.”