

## Malachi Men Proverbs Lesson 2 Substance Abuse

**What are the three general areas of temptation?** (1 Jn 2:15-16)

- Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, boastful pride of life

**What is the context of Proverbs chapter 23?** (Prov 23:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, 17-18, 20-21, 26-28)

- Control your appetite for: food, money, possessions, things, wine, and sex.

**What are the consequences of drunkenness?** (Prov 21:17; Prov 23:19-21, 29 & 33-35; 2 Pe 2:18-19)

- Woe & sorrow (mental/emotional)
- Contention & complaint (social relationships)
- Wounds & red eyes (physical problems)
- See strange things (hallucinations, unreality),
- Say perverse things (corrupt speech)
- Unsteady, nausea, out of control movement
- Unrealistic response to danger
- Poverty & drowsiness
- Slavery & bondage to corrupt desires (addiction to lusts)

**What are the causes of drunkenness?** (Prov 20:1; Prov 23:20-21, 29-30 & 35; Prov 26:11; Prov 27:22; Isa 5:11-12; Isa 56:12; Jer 5:3; Ja 1:14-15)

- Lingering long over wine (any intoxicating substance), being inflamed by wine
- Not considering the Lord (thinking of self only)
- Association with drinkers and gluttons
- Ignoring discipline and correction, rejecting wisdom & loving foolishness
- Failure to repent

**What must be put-off to have victory over drunkenness (old habits)?** (Prov 1:22-29; Prov 20:1; Prov 21:17; Prov 23:19-21, 31 & 35; Prov 31:3-4; Isa 5:12; 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Cor 2:11; Eph 5:18; Titus 2:11-12)

- Identify and avoid temptations to sin, know and control what your heart is doing
- Don't be lured by the wine (taste, look, etc.)
- Don't associate with drinkers or drug users, and don't take that first drink
- Don't reject correction or discipline

**What must be put-on to have victory over drunkenness (new habits)?** (Prov 2:1-6; Prov 20:1; Prov 23:12, 19 & 22-23; Prov 28:13; Jer 5:3; Eph 4:22-24; Eph 5:18; Jn 17:17)

- Acquire wisdom, accept instruction, discipline, correction & knowledge
- Diligently seek truth, wisdom & understanding
- Develop a "fear of the Lord" attitude
- Be willing to confess and repent of sins
- Be led by God's Word and God's Spirit
- Pray to God for wisdom and guidance

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### Homework:

- Read one chapter of Proverbs each day (e.g. chapter 15 on June 15)
  
- Read Prov 23:19-21, 29-35 & 1 Cor 10:13 and answer the following questions?
  - Are the temptations in Prov 23:29-35 unusual?
  - How hopeless are these temptations?
  - How has God promised to help when we are tempted?
  - What is man's responsibility when tempted?
  
- Organize the words used to describe drunken consequences (from Prov 21:17, 23:19-21, & 23:29-35) into the following categories:
  - Mind/sleep \_\_\_\_\_
  - Emotions \_\_\_\_\_
  - Speech \_\_\_\_\_
  - Social relationships \_\_\_\_\_
  - Physical health \_\_\_\_\_
  - Finances \_\_\_\_\_
  
- How do you describe the threat of drinking? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Memorize Titus 2:11-12

Titus 2:11-12 (1169) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.