



DRINKING, SMOKING & DRUGS:



Are they **SINS** or Just a
WILD FRIDAY NIGHT?



Is DRINKING a Sin?

- Answer: ?

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- Answer: **No** ...*(let's not be legalistic)*

- “Everything is *permissible* for me”—but *not everything is beneficial*. “Everything is permissible for me”—but I will **not be mastered by anything**.

- (1 Corinthians 6:12)

(... get used to seeing this 😊)

- For the record, consumption is **not a sin**
(*assuming the motive is not sinful*)

Addiction is a sin (1 Corinthians 6:12)

Note: *Denial of the addiction does not pardon it*

- Addiction
 - To be **controlled by, enslaved to, or compelled to engage in a particular habit or practice**
- **Addiction** implies making a substance one's "god."
We know doing so is sinful.
 - (Exodus 20:3; Matthew 6:24)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- “**Drinking**” (as in consuming alcohol)
is **NOT** a sin
 - (...if you are of **legal** age)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- The Bible does discourage **much** drinking
 - (Titus 2:3; 1 Timothy 3:8)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- But there's nothing wrong with *moderate drinking*, like drinking a bit of wine for illnesses
 - (1 Timothy 5:23)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- While “*drinking*” is not a sin, **getting “*drunk*”** is a sin (Romans 13:13)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- Drunkards **won't** go to Heaven **without repenting**
 - (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:18; etc.)
 - and envy; **drunkenness**, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will **not** inherit the kingdom of God.
 - (Galatians 5:21)

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- Though the Bible tends to portray **drinkers negatively**
 - (Proverbs 20:1; 31:6; Isaiah 56:11-12; Micah 2:11)
- ...and **non-drinkers positively**
 - (Proverbs 31:4)
- **it is NOT A SIN to drink modestly**

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- But keep in mind:
 - We don't want to give Satan a **foothold**
 - (Ephesians 4:27)
 - or **be unaware of his schemes**
 - (2 Corinthians 2:11)

- Satan has tricked many into drinking (***just once***) before binding them with **addiction, disease, and/or death.**

*(This applies for **smoking, malicious drug use, etc. as well**)*

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- That's why I say, **not God**, that if you have **not started drinking** it's best you **don't start**

*(You won't have to worry about having **too much** if you don't have any at all)*

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- While casual drinking is **permissible** it is not generally **beneficial**
 - *But let the Holy Spirit convict you, not me 😊*

Is DRINKING a Sin?

- **If you do chose to drink (modestly) don't let anyone condemn you**
– (Colossians 2:16)

- *But remember the point of Romans 14:21:*
**Don't drink things around people that
may cause them to **stumble!****

... (*excuse the pun 😊*)

Note: This applies to food, etc. as well.

Is **SMOKING** a Sin?

- Answer: ?

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- Answer: There are strong biblical cases for **YES** & **NO**
- ... but I lean toward **NO**
 - **WHY?**

- *“Everything is permissible for me”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me”—but I will not be mastered by anything.*

- (1 Corinthians 6:12)

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- **Puffing** a cigarette, cigar, or other **LEGAL** smoke may be permissible, but it is widely **not beneficial**

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- **Sorry marijuana enthusiasts...** because smoking pot is **illegal** it is a sin 😞

... in most states at least 😊

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- Nevertheless, if one's motive for puffing is somehow **not sinful**
 - (e.g. legal medical treatment, etc.)
- then technically it is permissible

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- However... **If one smokes to:**
 - **get a physical fix** (satisfy an **addiction**)
 - **break rules of reigning authorities**
 - etc.

it is a sin

Remember: Once one is **addicted** (*mastered by the substance*) he or she scores a touchdown in the **sin**-zone.

(**shrug** *Well, it sounded clever in my head* 😊)

Is SMOKING a Sin?

- Again, just because something is **permissible** does **not** mean it **should** be done.

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- Answer: ?

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- Answer: **It Depends**
- Is it a sin to do **illegal** drugs?
 - Answer: ?

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- Is it a sin to do **illegal** drugs?
 - Answer: **YES!**
 - **WHY?**

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- Is it a sin to do **illegal drugs**?

– Answer: YES!

- WHY!

...BECAUSE THEY'RE ILLEGAL!!!

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- Is it a sin to do **prescription** or **over the counter** **drugs**?
 - Answer: ?

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- Is it a sin to do **prescription** or **over the counter** **drugs**?
 - Answer: **Depends on the motive**

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- It's **ok** to do (prescription) **drugs** when:
 - You need medical treatment
 - Etc.

(Basically ok if there's no sinful motive or action)

Is it a Sin to do Drugs?

- It's a **sin** to do (prescription) **drugs** when:
 - It's not your prescription
 - You take drugs to get high
 - You want to harm yourself
 - Etc.

(Basically wrong if there's a sinful motive or action)

- Getting **drunk** or **high** (*from smoking, drugs, or other*) is a sin
 - “Drunk” or “high” means you are “under the influence” aka **mastered by the substance**

And remember, we should not be “mastered” by anything
(1 Corinthians 6:12)

- Everything is technically **permissible**, (pending on motive) but whether:
 - smoke
 - **drink**
 - drug
 - **chocolate**
 - etc.
- **don't let anything master you!**

- In all cases, just because you **can** do it does not mean you **should**.
- **Don't give Satan a foothold**



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