

Alcohol & Drunkenness

According to www.m-w.com, the word “drunk” means “having the faculties impaired by alcohol.” So when your mind is impaired by alcohol, you are drunk (intoxicated).

Some ask, “How much alcohol does it take to impair my mind?” Studies prove that after the average man or woman drinks one beer, one glass of wine, or one shot of liquor they have a Blood Alcohol Concentration of at least .02%. Being slightly drunk, they feel relaxed and may be in a slightly different mood. It is legal to drive at this point, but The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says “that driving performance degrades after just one drink.” When the mind is impaired by alcohol, that person is drunk.

Why does it matter how much alcohol it takes to be drunk? Because God said *Do not be drunk with wine* (Eph. 5:19). That forbids all levels of drunkenness (intoxication). People who makes excuses and twist passages to justify their preferred level of drunkenness prove that *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise* (Prov. 20:1). If you are thinking “But the Bible also says...,” read the next article in this series, which uses the Bible to study and defining the word “wine.”