

Drinking Wine or Fermented Drinks (N.I.V.)

1 Timothy 5:23

Stop drinking **only water**, and use a **little wine** because of your stomach and your **frequent illnesses**.

1 Corinthians 6:10–11

10 nor thieves nor the greedy **nor drunkards** nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord **Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God**.

Matthew 24:48–51

48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to **eat and drink with drunkards**. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Proverbs 23:20–22

20 Do not join those **who drink too much wine** or gorge themselves on meat,

21 for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 31:5-7

5 lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

6 Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish;

7 let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

Luke 1:14-16

14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,

15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is **never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.**[a]

16 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.

Ephesians 5:8–18 (N.I.V.)

8For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10and find out what pleases the Lord. 11Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

15Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.**