

# Discerners Of Good

*"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." Proverbs 20:1 (New King James Version)*

Under the \_\_\_\_\_ of intoxicants, everything is \_\_\_\_\_.

## God's Demand That His People Be Discerning

A. The need for people who can discern good and evil:

- 1 Kings 3:9 - \_\_\_\_\_ asked for an \_\_\_\_\_ heart so he could \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proverbs 31:4,5 - A \_\_\_\_\_ should not drink \_\_\_\_\_, for he might \_\_\_\_\_ the law or \_\_\_\_\_ justice.
- Leviticus 10:8-11 - \_\_\_\_\_ were also given warnings on this. They needed to \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Isaiah 28:7 - But some \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ through wine. They \_\_\_\_\_ in vision and \_\_\_\_\_ in judgment.

B. Intoxicants diminish our ability to discern:

- Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a \_\_\_\_\_, and will lead some \_\_\_\_\_. (Such people are not \_\_\_\_\_.)
- Esther 1:10 - When the king's \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with wine, he did things he later regretted.

C. McClean: "When we get \_\_\_\_\_, we lack \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_."

## Christians Are Called To Be Discerners Of Good

A. Galatians 5:13 - Many argue that they are given \_\_\_\_\_ to drink, as long as they don't become \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The need to always be able to discern:

- 1 Peter 5:8 - \_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_ us, seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- Hebrews 5:14 - Christians must be good \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_, able to \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 - We should not \_\_\_\_\_, but we must \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ephesians 5:18 - Those who are \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ will be brought to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. If \_\_\_\_\_ is stalking us, is there a \_\_\_\_\_ time to let down our guard?

Will we be \_\_\_\_\_ while impaired by intoxicants? Bet on it!

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