

## Come let us Grow Together: Drugs

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Drugs have become a very important discussion recently. As we all know since the fall of mankind in the garden of Eden death passed to all mankind and with that sicknesses also came with it. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” (Rm 5:12)

Since people can get hurt, injured, or develop a host of other sicknesses, whether of the mind or body, drugs have been used to try to both aid in the recovery process and to treat people with long term sicknesses of many different kinds.

Drugs that are used to help you can alter your thinking and many are designed in that manner to help you with the injury or sickness that you may have. Including long term sicknesses. We learn in the Bible that Jesus was the great Physician. He healed the sick. We also learn that Luke was a doctor. “Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.” (Col 4:14) It is only reasonable to believe that Luke was more than someone who worked miracles through the name of Jesus Christ. Otherwise we would expect the other brothers and sisters mentioned in scripture to also be called physicians.

However, drugs can be abused by people for whatever their reason is. We also have drugs that have been deliberately made for the sole purpose of getting you a euphoric effect. There is a danger when you take any drug of any kind. That is why there are warning labels telling you of possible side effects.

For example many anti-depressants warn of causing you suicidal thoughts or ideologies. That’s pretty powerful isn’t it? Is demonic activity taking place because of that drug’s altering of the mind? However, there is no lack of these drugs being prescribed to people. When you use drugs that alter your mind you may be at risk of opening yourself up to demonic attack including the possibility of becoming demon possessed. This is something you need to be aware of as you are not going to find this on any drug warning and of course not for street drugs. Does this mean that you shouldn’t use any drug that can alter your thinking? Alcohol alters your thinking? However, we read “Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.” (1 Tim 5:23) Why didn’t the Apostle Paul or another just lay hands on Timothy and heal him? To believe this was non-alcoholic is incorrect. Jesus himself performed his first miracle of turning water to wine that is easily proven to be an intoxicant. “When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.” (Jn 2:9-10)

The meaning of the word drunk from verse 10 that the governor of the feast spoke of from the Greek means:

<G3178> (methe); to drink to intoxication, i.e. get drunk :- drink well, make (be) drunk (-en).— Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

So we can clearly see that the water that Jesus turned into wine was fermented or intoxicating. So does this make Jesus to be in sin? The answer is obviously no. We can also see in the Old Testament where strong drink was allowed to be purchased. “And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.” (Deut 14:24-27)

This lesson is on drugs and by using these examples I am showing to you that God is not against you treating your sicknesses. It is also to warn of the possibilities of opening up yourself to demonic attack and possible demon possession from some of the drugs that exist. This also including legal prescription drugs such as antipsychotics.

You must use wisdom and prayer when considering taking any drugs. However, many of the drugs that are available have helped countless people. Just because they alter the mind doesn't mean that you shouldn't use it, but you must also be aware of the possible danger of opening up yourself to demonic attack or even possible demon possession.