

## The Works Of The Flesh-Sorcery, Drunkenness, Revelries

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### I. Sorcery

**SORCERY** 1. pharmakia primarily signified "the use of medicine, drugs, spells"; then, "poisoning"; then, "sorcery," Gal 5:20, RV, "sorcery" (KJV, "witchcraft"), mentioned as one of "the works of the flesh." In "sorcery," the use of drugs, whether simple or potent, was generally accompanied by incantations and appeals to occult powers, with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright (c)1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Jeremiah 30:13 There is no one to plead your cause, That you may be bound up; You have no healing medicines.

Proverbs 31:4-6 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink; 5 Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart.

1 Timothy 5:23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

Luke 10:34-35 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

### II. Drunkenness

aciyc — sweet wine, wine, pressed out juice  
(Thayer's Greek Lexicon and Brown Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon, Copyright © 1993)

New Wine, the product of the same year, like new wheat; sweet wine  
(Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies, p. 483)

Proverbs 3:10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Matthew 9:17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

"The Biblical phrase 'strong drink' really means light beverages because there was nothing in the Bible times which corresponds to the strong drinks of today. Natural fermentation produces a maximum of only about 14% content of alcohol, since a higher alcoholic content kills the yeast cells which produce it. To obtain a higher percentage of alcohol, freezing or distillation must be used, processes not known in ancient times for beverage making."

**"Actually wine and beer in ancient Palestine contained not over 5% or 8% alcohol because of the limitations of natural sugar content in grape juice and the malt which was used."  
(Archaeology And Bible History, Joseph P. Free, p.352)**

**Proverbs 23:29-35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? 30 Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. 31 Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; 32 At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. 33 Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. 34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: 35 "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"**

**The frontal lobe of the cerebrum is affected by 0.005%-0.1% causing: removal of inhibitions, loss of self-control, weakening of will power, impaired judgment, and dulling of attention.**

**The cerebellum is affected by 0.15% causing: serious disturbances of equilibrium and co-ordination.**

**The parietal lobe of the cerebrum is affected by 0.1%-0.3% causing: dulled or distorted sensibilities, unsteadiness of movement, inability to write, speech disturbances, loss of technical skills.**

**The occipital lobe of the cerebrum is affected by 0.2%-0.3% causing: loss of color perception, distortion, double vision, loss of distance perception.**

**Habakkuk 2:15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle, Even to make him drunk. That you may look on his nakedness!**

**Acts 2:13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."**

**Acts 2:15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.**

**Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,**

**1 Timothy 3:3 not given to wine**

**1 Timothy 3:8 not given to much wine**

**Titus 1:7 not given to wine**

**Titus 2:3 not given to much wine**

### **III. Revelries**

**1 Peter 4:3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties,**

**Komos—a reveal, carousal...used generally of feasts and drinking-parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry;  
(Thayer's Greek Lexicon, p.367)**