



Disciples Church  
Alcohol According to the Bible, Part 2  
Week of September 13, 2017  
**Hand Out**

**Prohibition:** Alcohol is evil and all drinking is sin.

**Abstention:** Alcohol is not evil, and drinking is not sinful, yet it is right and wise and more loving for all Christians to refrain from using them.

**Moderation:** The Scripture commends the use of alcoholic beverages to all Christians if used moderately. Conscience and witness should influence how one exercises one's freedom to partake or not.

**1. Why the Prohibitionist prescription is not biblical**

**Mark 7:15-23** "It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles a man, but rather that which proceeds from an evil heart that defiles him"

**Romans 14:14** I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

**Colossians 2:20-23**

**Colossians 2:8-15**

**1 Timothy 4:1-5**

## **2. Why the Abstentionist prescription is not biblical**

**Romans 14:20-21** “Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.”

### **A weaker brother:**

#### **Romans 14 & 15**

**Romans 14:14** I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

The “weaker brother” is weak because his conscience is controlled by standards other than the Word of God (whether by his culture, by his own feelings, or his environment or upbringing or by the standards of men).

### **Causing a brother to stumble:**

#### **Romans 14 & 15**

## **What about our children and others who are watching?**

### **What about a predisposition to abuse:**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. 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.

**Romans 1:16** The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe

**Romans 6:2-11**

**The biblical position of moderation**

Philippians 4:5 "Let your moderation be known unto all men..."

**1 Corinthians 6:12 (NASB)** All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

**Following the laws of the land where they do not contradict God's commands**

**Romans 13:1-2 (NASB)** Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

**The clear command of Scripture is that drunkenness is sin and not God-glorifying.**