An aerial photograph of ocean waves crashing onto a sandy beach. The water is a deep, dark green color, and the foam is white and frothy. The waves are moving from the top right towards the bottom left, where they meet the sand. The overall scene is dynamic and powerful.

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**LESSON THREE:  
“I SURE CAN USE  
A DRINK”  
(IS DRINKING  
ALCOHOL A SIN?)**



# EPHESIANS 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.



**SOME PEOPLE  
SHOULD ABSTAIN  
FROM ALCOHOL.**



**PROPENSITY  
IS THE  
NATURAL  
TENDENCY  
TO BEHAVE  
IN A  
PARTICULAR  
WAY.**





**WHEN ALCOHOL  
ISN'T SIN**

# **SIN IS DEFINED IN THE BIBLE AS “LAWLESSNESS”**



# I JOHN 3:4

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness,  
and sin is lawlessness.



# PROVERBS 20:1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.



# I TIMOTHY 3:8

Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine.



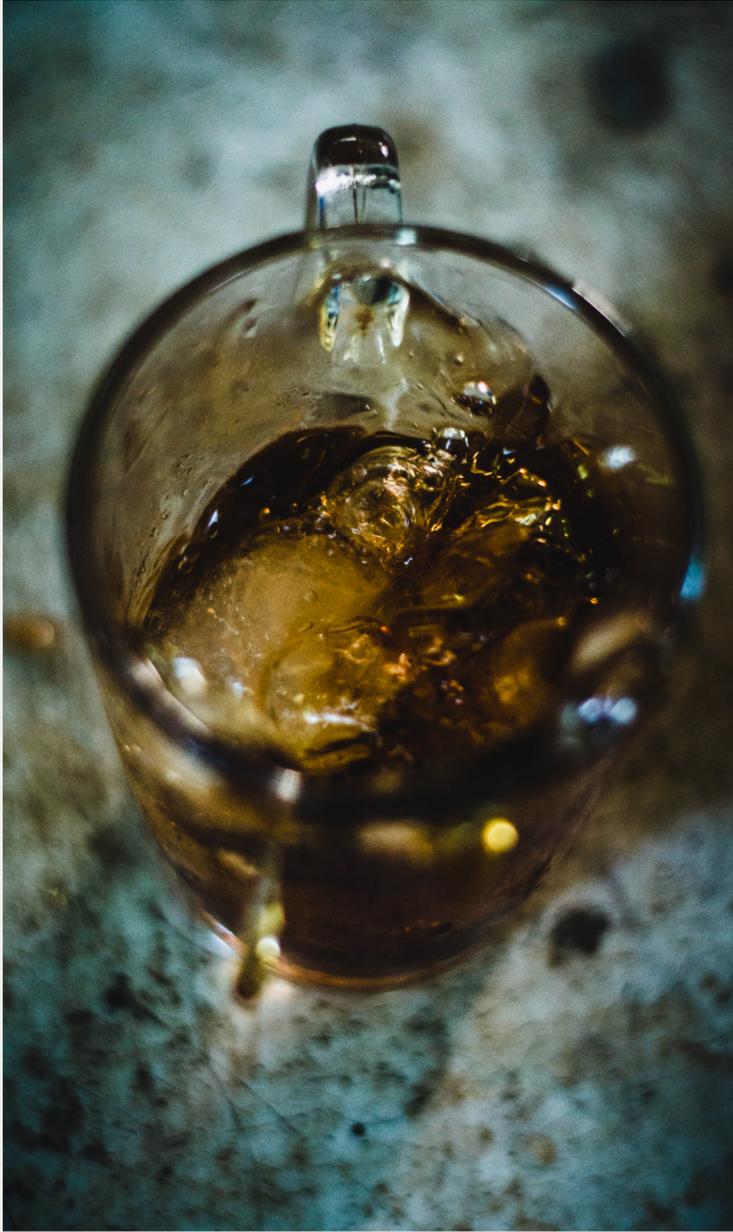
# ISAIAH 5:11

Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may follow intoxicating drink, who continue until night, till wine inflames them!



**INFLAME -  
TO AROUSE  
PASSION,  
DESIRE, OR  
VIOLENCE IN;  
EXCITE  
INTENSELY,  
AS WITH  
ANGER.**





**GOD  
CLEARLY  
CONDEMNNS  
THE  
ABUSE OF  
ALCOHOL.**

# LUKE 21:34

Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.

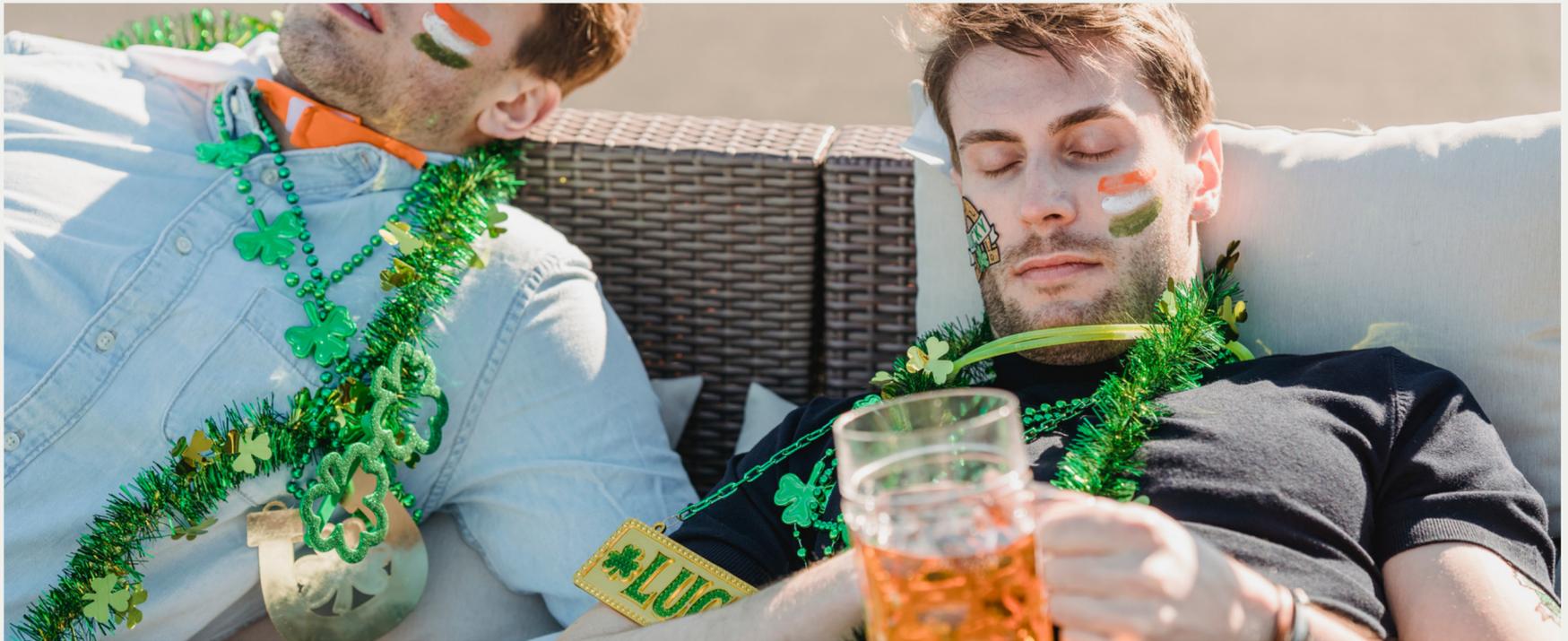


# **GALATIANS 5:19-21**

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.



**“DRUNKENNESS” IS  
THE EXCESSIVE USE OF  
ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS.**





**WHEN ALCOHOL  
BECOMES SIN**

# JOHN 4:4-10

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.

# THE COST OF ABUSING ALCOHOL:



- Marriage failures.
- Poor job performance or loss of a job.
- Abandonment by friends and family.
- Accidental injuries and death of others caused by driving under the influence.
- The destruction of the drinker's health even apart from accidents.

# THE EXAMPLE SET BY JESUS



# JOHN 2:9-10

When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

**THE GREEK WORD FOR  
WINE IS OINOS.  
IT IMPLIES  
"FERMENTATION."  
(VINE'S EXPOSITORY  
DICTIONARY OF THE  
NEW TESTAMENT).**



# **MATTHEW 26:29**

I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.





# **POSITIVE USES OF ALCOHOL**

# ECCLESIASTES 10:19

A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; But money answers everything.



# DEUTERONOMY 14:26

And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires



# IT IS ALL A MATTER OF BALANCE



# THREE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE:



# Misconception 1:



A couple of drinks can't do me much harm.

# Misconception 2:



Cheers. Here's to your health.

# Misconception 3:



I can sober up quickly.

**“SUCCESS IS THE SUM  
OF SMALL EFFORTS,  
REPEATED DAY IN AND  
DAY OUT.”**



# BIBLE STUDY FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Biblical perspective on alcohol?
2. Why should some people abstain from the use of alcohol?
3. When does the use of alcohol become a sin?
4. Do you drink alcohol? Why or why not?
5. React to Paul's words: "All things are permitted for me, but I will not be mastered by anything" (1 Corinthians 6:12b).
6. List some of the cost for abusing alcohol.
7. How do both freedom and wisdom play into the issue of alcohol?
8. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?

