

# 60 SECONDS IN THE SCRIPTURES

## ALCOHOL AS A BEVERAGE

### THE FACTS:

- ✓ Drinking alcohol is not wise (Proverbs 20:1)
- ✓ Alcohol destroys lives (Proverbs 23:29-35)
  - It creates sorrow and grief
  - It creates arguments and violence
  - It creates mental anguish and immorality
  - It creates immorality and insensibility
- ✓ Alcohol keeps a person out of Heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21)
- ✓ Alcohol causes one to lose control and God prohibits the encouragement of others to use alcohol (Habakkuk 2:15)
- ✓ Paul commanded, “Be not drunk with wine” (Ephesians 5:18) (indicating the process of becoming intoxicated)
- ✓ We are cautioned not to walk in “rioting and drunkenness” (Romans 13:13)
- ✓ Peter cautioned against “banquetings” (1 Peter 4:3) (drinking parties or occasions for excess as indicative of one who is not a Christian)

### THE FOCUS:

- ✓ God wants us to be sober minded (in our right mind) (1 Peter 4:7; 1 Timothy 3:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)
- ✓ Timothy had to be encouraged to use “a little wine” for medicine indicating that it was not his practice to drink it as a beverage (1 Timothy 5:23)
- ✓ Alcohol, in general, is not recognized in the world as “good” and we are told to put away wickedness (James 1:21) and abstain from evil when it appears (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- ✓ Alcohol destroys the mind and God wants us to take care of our bodies as the “temple of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19,20)
- ✓ God wants us to be good influences to the world and holy. This cannot be done by drinking socially (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:9)