

Alcohol One-to-One

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Below is a framework to address alcohol for students who are sincerely seeking God's will for their lives in an attempt to honor Him with their actions and thus produce good fruit. This is relevant for disciples both under and over 21 years of age. The goal is to develop our convictions based on the word of God, not on culture or personal biases.

Objective

Student submits to God by submitting to the laws of the land and desiring to be above reproach.

1. Submitting to the laws of the land:

Read **Romans 13:1-7**

- Who do you identify as authorities in your life? (US government/local authorities/parents/etc...)
- Who established these authorities, according to vs 1?
- Why did He put these authorities in place?
- What are the laws about drinking under 21 in the US?
- How does vs 2 describe going against the law?
- What are the consequences of this if left unrepented?
- Have you ever thought about underage drinking as a rebellion against God? Why do you think it's described this way? What if it is only recreational, and not overindulgent? Is it still a sin if you are drinking underage but not getting drunk?
- How can you worship God or show love to him in this area?

2. Living above reproach while in college:

- What makes someone a spiritual leader? (Sharing the Gospel, influencing others for Christ, being filled with and constantly seeking the discernment of the Holy Spirit, etc)
- Read **Philippians 2:15** What is the result of being blameless according to this verse? What does it mean "to shine like the stars"?
- Read I Timothy 3:2- According to this verse what is required of a spiritual leader? What does "above reproach" mean? Why do you think it's required for a spiritual leader?
- Read **Titus 1:7** According to this verse what is required of a spiritual leader?
- Do you want to be (or continue to be) a spiritual leader? What would it cost for you to do that? Is it worth it to you?
- If you are 21 or over, is it possible to drink responsibly and still be a spiritual leader?
- What assumptions do your peers make if they see someone drinking?
- Read **2 Corinthians 6:3** Could your drinking be a stumbling block for others in college? Who? How?
- How is alcohol and the consumption thereof portrayed throughout the gospel?
- Read **1 Corinthians 10:31** What would it look like to drink for the glory of God?
- What would it look like to be above reproach in the area of alcohol?