



# Get Wisdom

**SERMON SERIES:** Get Wisdom

**SERMON TITLE:** Christians and Alcoholism

**KEY TEXT (GNT, ESV):** Proverbs 23:29-35

**OTHER TEXTS (ESV, GNT):** Ephesians 5:18-20, Psalm 104:15, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 5:23, Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 8-10, Luke 14:34-35.

**Big Idea:** Pursuing divine wisdom is essential, granting us insight from God's perspective and guiding our actions with clarity and purpose. True wisdom, which is both accessible and transformative, comes from God, aligning us with reality and grounding us in humility. This divine insight helps us to be diligent in our responsibilities, relationships, work, and spiritual growth with care and intention. While the world suggests that we are enough on our own, the Bible reminds us of our need for God's intervention and guidance in all aspects of life. By seeking wisdom with faith, we gain peace and understanding that equips us to navigate life's challenges. Trusting in God's promise to instruct and lead us, we can find the clarity to view life through His eyes and walk in truth.

In the second sermon of the series, Pastor Moffat discusses why we should avoid alcohol and highlights its consequences.

## **Proverbs 23:29-35 (GNT)**

*Show me people who drink too much, who have to try out fancy drinks, and I will show you people who are miserable and sorry for themselves, always causing trouble and always complaining. Their eyes are bloodshot, and they have bruises that could have been avoided. Don't let wine tempt you, even though it is rich red, and it sparkles in the cup, and it goes down smoothly. The next morning you will feel as if you had been bitten by a poisonous snake. Weird sights will appear before your eyes, and you will not be able to think or speak clearly. You will feel as if you were out on the ocean, seasick, swinging high up in the rigging of a tossing ship. "I must have been hit," you will say; "I must have been beaten up, but I don't remember it. Why can't I wake up? I need another drink."*

God Bless You!

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**Leader Heads-Up:** Before we 'Start Talking', check who's present and take attendance to kick off the fun!

## A. Start Talking

Can you share a time when you made a decision that aligned with your values and led to a positive outcome?

## B. Start Thinking

1. Read **Proverbs 23:29-32 (GNT)** and **1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ESV**. How can the scripture warnings about drinking alcohol help you make wise decisions and take practical steps to avoid harmful consequences?
2. Read **Romans 14:21 ESV** and **Luke 14:34-35 GNT**. How will you ensure your decisions about alcohol set a positive example for others and prioritize the well-being of your family and community, especially younger generations?
3. Reflecting on **Ephesians 5:18 GNT**, how does Paul's comparison between being filled with the Holy Spirit and being drunk with alcohol help you understand how spiritual empowerment leads to God-honoring choices?

## C. Start Praying

Pray that God will grant you the wisdom to make decisions that honour Him in every area of your life, especially in how you handle alcohol, and that you will be filled with the Spirit so you may walk in His strength and holiness.

## D. Start Doing

1. **Guard Your Influence:** Prioritize love and the well-being of others over personal freedoms, particularly with alcohol, which affects others around you.
2. **Choose Wisdom Over Indulgence:** Strive to maintain clarity of mind and integrity, reflecting God's will for your life. Drunkenness leads to harm and moral degradation.
3. **Live As A Testimony:** Choose total abstinence from alcohol and ensure that your actions shine as a positive example to those around you, helping others draw closer to God.
4. **Prioritize Spiritual Health:** Do not seek temporary relief or comfort through alcohol, but allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with lasting joy, peace, and purpose.

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