DRINKING! (Right or Wrong?)

Ephesian 5:18 - "Don't get your stimulus from wine, but let the Holy Spirit stimulate your souls."  
(The Phillips Translation)

WHY DRINKING IS WRONG . . .

1) Dulls The Senses. (poor judgment)

Isaiah 28:7 - "But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way: the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."

2) Causes Irrational Behavior (poor decision making)


3) Opens The "Door" For Satan To Put More Bondage Into One's Life (invites demonic activity to increase)

Romans 13:13 - "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in strife and envying."

Galatians 5:21 - "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Drunkards won't enter heaven).

4) Is Addictive (causes the body to crave more)

Proverbs 23:20 - "Be not among winebibbers: among riotous eaters of the flesh."

Isaiah 5:11 - "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them!"

Isaiah 56:12 - "Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink, and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much
more abundant."

5) Is A Poor Testimony To Others (could make others backslide)

Genesis 9:21 - "And he (Noah) drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent."

Daniel was the opposite III Daniel 1:8 - "But Daniel purposed in his heart, that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Colossians 3:17 - "And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

NOTE: What we do, does influence other people. Someone is watching you whether you realize it or not....for good or for evil. (Sec: 1 Peter 2:20)

6) The Bible Differentiates Between Wine (the juice), Wine (the alcohol), And Strong Drink (the Bible clearly is against us drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind)

Proverbs 23: 31-33 - "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. (vs.#32) At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. (vs.#33) Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things."

Numbers 6:3 - "He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried."

NOTE: This verse in Nu. 6:3 is talking about the law for the Nazarites. It is also describing the different types of "wine", fermented or non-fermented. The Nazarites were not allowed even to eat grapes, because of their Nazarite vow to God. The Bible clearly states the fermented from other.

OTHER VERSES ON WINE & STRONG DRINK:

Proverbs 20:1 - "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
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Isaiah 5:22 - "Who unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink."


I Corinthians 6:10 -

This verse talks about how drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God. You might say, "I am not a drunkard! I only social drink." But how does one know that one will not get 'hooked' on it and will be addicted? The Bible has clear scripture (noted above) how there IS a difference between fermented and non-fermented, and how we should not chose to drink or get drunk.


1 Thessalonians 5:22 - "Abstain from ALL appearance of evil."