

“Using Good Gifts with Self-Control”
Proverbs 31:4-7

*“You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and **wine to gladden the heart of man**, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man’s heart.” (Psalm 104:14-15); “It is good not to eat meat or **drink wine** or do anything that **causes your brother to stumble**.” (Romans 14:21)*

- Proverbs 31:4-7:
 - *“Therefore an overseer must...not (be) a drunkard...” (1 Timothy 3:2-3); “Deacons likewise must...not (be) addicted to much wine...” (1 Timothy 3:8); “But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is...a drunkard...” (1 Corinthians 5:11); “nor drunkards...will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:10)*
- *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.” (Proverbs 20:1)*
 - *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)*
- *“Like a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of fools.” (Proverbs 26:9)*
 - One who is drunk does not operate in reality. He does not handle what is valuable rightly. He does harm with what is meant to help.
- *“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine.” (Proverbs 23:29-30)*
 - Those who are given to sin or lack of self-control create much sorrow and woe for themselves.
- *“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)*
 - We are called to daily **submit to** the Spirit of God and **depend upon** the Spirit of God, to walk according to the Word of God.
 - *“Look carefully then how you walk...” (Ephesians 5:15)*
 - *“Making the best use of the time...” (Ephesians 5:16)*
 - *“Understand what the will of the Lord is...” (Ephesians 5:17)*
 - *“Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Ephesians 5:19)*
 - *“Making melody to the Lord with your heart...” (Ephesians 5:19)*
 - *“Giving thanks always and for everything to God...” (Ephesians 5:20)*
 - *“Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ...” (Ephesians 5:21)*
- *“Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” (Romans 13:13-14)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the July Newsletter for information about our Donation Collection for July. ***THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, July 26th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

★*For all other announcements, please see the July Newsletter!*