



## **“The Growing Popularity of Alcohol In The Church”**

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**Text:** Proverbs 4:7; Proverbs 8:32-36; James 1:5-6a

**“Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”**

**“And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”**

**“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith...”**

**Question Of The Day: “Is Wisdom Found In A Bottle?”**

-Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 4:7).

-Wisdom is costly...but is worth the \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 4:7).

-If you keep the ways of \_\_\_\_\_ you are blessed (Proverbs 8:32).

-If you listen to wisdom you are \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 8:34).

-Wisdom is not a given, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 8:35)

-If you hate wisdom you love \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 8:36).

-**Pew Research Center & Barna Research Group** declares that 87 % of Americans between the ages of 20 and 30 view Christianity as overly judgmental.

-Jesus says in **Mark 7:14b-15**, **“Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean .”**

-The Bible does not come right out and call drinking alcohol sin.

-It does say in **Ephesians 5:18**, **“Do not be drunk with wine which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.”**

-Where does the inner conscience of your mind and the voice of the Holy spirit stand when you approach the thought of alcohol consumption?

-**James 4:17** says, **“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”**

-**Revelation 1:6** says that we are, **“...kings and priests to His God and Father.”**

-If we are kings and priest unto God, where should we stand on the subject of alcohol in our home?

-What does wisdom say?