

Proverbs 9 Handout

Medical
reasons.

1 Timothy 5:23 "Stop drinking only water and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illness."

Proverbs 31:6–7

6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart.

Wine is good
and enjoyable

Psalms 104:14-15 "He makes grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth; wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart."

Drunkenness
is forbidden.

Ephesians 5:6 "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

Proverbs 20:1

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

Proverbs 23:30–35

30 Those who linger long over wine, those who go to taste mixed wine.

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly;

32 At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like a viper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things and your mind will utter perverse things.

34 And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea, Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.

35 "They struck me, but I did not become ill; They beat me, but I did not know it. When shall I awake? I will seek another drink."

Forbids alcohol
if it offends someone.

"If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification....*It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.*" (Romans 14:15-21)

Forbids alcohol if it
hinders our witness
to sharing the gospel.

"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many a possible. "I became all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Drinking alcohol
can be foolish.

"It is not for kings, O Lemuel - not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights." (Proverbs 31:4-5)

Proverbs 21:17 (NASB95)

17 He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.
