

TURN AND REPENT:

As an 'alcoholic' or a 'drunkard', you know it is very difficult to try to change yourself. The only answer is to ask God to TURN YOU, and then you will be 'able' to REPENT!

'To TURN' means: to bring back, to bring home again, to deliver again, to pull in again, to restore, and to cause to turn. 'To REPENT' means: to feel remorse, to be sorry, to regret, to sigh, and to think differently.

Jer 31:18-19

18 ...**turn** (bring back, bring home again, deliver again, pull in again, restore, and cause to turn) **thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.**

19 **Surely after that I was turned, I repented** (I felt remorse, was sorry, regretted, I sighed, and I thought differently); **and after that I was instructed**,...: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

A LOST SINNER:

If you admit that you are a 'lost Sinner' that is a 'drunkard', and you want to try 'God's Way', the Bible says:

Rom 10:9-10

9 **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

10 **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

A BACKSLIDDEN CHRISTIAN:

If you are a 'Backslidden Christian' that is a 'drunkard', and you want to get back into the 'Will of God' and be sure you are going to Heaven; Ask God to 'TURN' you, and then 'REPENT' and pray this 'prayer of forgiveness':

Ps 51:10-13

10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

11 **Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.**

12 **Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.**

13 **Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

Amen!

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ALCOHOL



BOOZE

INTRODUCTION

As a former heavy drinker, the Lord showed Timothy II that there is a difference between the terms used for an 'alcoholic' and a 'drunk'. The 'alcoholic' is one who tends to be prideful and likes listening to Man's Way (Counsel) for help. (Isaiah 28:1) This is because he is given excuses for his or her drinking such as blaming it on someone else or told that it is a disease. The person that readily admits he or she is a 'drunkard' tends to be less prideful and if repentant will eventually listen to God's Way (Counsel). Man's Way (Counsel), which is through Psychology, only covers up the 'drinking' problem, usually in 12 steps. This is like putting a Band-Aid on the problem but it never heals. God's Way (Counsel) is a 'total deliverance' of the person from 'booze' by taking away the desire for it, which usually takes 1 step.

COMPARING MAN'S WAY WITH GOD'S WAY:

MAN'S WAY (Counsel) Micah 4:12 Jeremiah 23:22:

1. I'm an alcoholic.....
2. It's a disease.....
3. It's inherited.....
4. Need to go to a rehabilitation center.....
5. Need to confess I'm an alcoholic.....
6. Need to stop drinking.....
7. You become a dry alcoholic.....
8. Attend support meetings for life.....
9. Have a higher power, spiritual support.....
10. Man gets the glory.....
11. Results: A dry alcoholic going to Hell.....

GOD'S WAY (Counsel) Proverbs 8:14 19:21:

1. You are a drunkard.....Ephesians 5:18
2. It's a Sin (needs forgiveness).....1 Corinthians 6:9-10
3. It's the work of the flesh.....Galatians 5:19-21
4. Go to God thru Jesus.....Acts 4:12
5. Confess the Lord Jesus.....Romans 10:8,13
6. Ask God to Turn you & Repent.....Acts 3:19
7. Become an ex-drunk.....2 Corinthians 5:17
8. Have fellowship.....Psalms 133:1...Acts 2:46
9. The Holy Spirit IN you.....John 14:16-17
10. God gets the glory.....2 Timothy 4:18
11. Results: An ex-drunk going to Heaven.....Jude 24-25

THE BIBLE TEACHES:

The Bible teaches that we are to follow God's Counsel and not Man's Counsel. Whether you consider yourself an 'alcoholic' or a 'drunk',

you need to admit that you are a sinner and instead of covering your sins by blaming someone else, you need to confess and forsake them.

Isa 30:1

1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Prov 28:13

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ALCOHOL/BOOZE:

The following are warnings in the Bible about drinking 'Alcohol/Booze'. Therefore, remember: 'think before you drink!'

Isa 5:11-12

**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!
12 And the harp, and the viol (strings), the tabret (tambourine), and pipe (flute), and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.**

Prov 23:29-35

**29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.
34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake?
I will seek it yet again.**

THE BIG GULP:

The next time you think about Gulping down a big drink, remember that the Devil is seeking you so that he can Gulp YOU down entirely!

1 Pet 5:8

8 Be sober (abstain from drink), be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (to drink down, to swallow up and to Gulp entirely):