

*The Bible says:- Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging:  
and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.. Proverbs 20 v 1*

# THE REAL COST OF DRINK, DRUGS, GAMBLING.

*Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow ?  
Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling?  
Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?  
They that tarry long at the wine: They that go to seek mixed wine.  
Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in  
the cup, when it moveth itself aright.  
at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth  
like an adder.*

*Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.  
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. 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.  
Proverbs 23 v 29-35.*

*Be not among winebibbers.....For the drunkard and the glutton  
shall come to poverty ...!! Proverbs 23 v 21.*

*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the  
Kingdom of God.....neither.... drunkards...etc.  
1 Corinthians 6 v 10.*

**O, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: BLESSED IS  
THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN HIM.  
PSALM 34 v 8.**

Unless you turn to The Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation - Alcohol, Drugs or Gambling will take you to Hell ! Will you Heed the warning - do a 'U'-turn from these lusts of the flesh - Repent - and Trust The Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour?

*The Lord is ...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3 v 9.*

### *The Individual*

Many a poor man or woman, has fallen into the 'the addiction trap' and lost everything. Lost careers, broken marriages, broken homes, suffering families are all sad trademarks and consequences of Drink, Drugs, or Gambling.

Never, ever, condemn *anyone* who has an addiction. Don't ever say 'that could never happen to me' because so often it does, and to the most unlikely people. You never know what crisis or devastating circumstances arise in life that could lead you or a member of your own Family to drink, drugs or gambling. It can happen so easily.

### *The Family*

When someone in the Family has a drink, drugs or gambling problem, it not only affects 'that person' it affects 'the whole' Family, particularly the children, who have no happiness and no quality 'Family life.' Many homes up and down the land are in complete turmoil, because of addiction-related problems, arguments and violence. Money for the running costs of the home is often used to feed the habit. Inevitably when there is no money, debt accumulates, subsequently the whole Family suffers.'

### *When a man or a woman gets hooked - who really cares ??*

A man or woman may take their earnings into the pub, bookies, or drug-dealers, and come out broke but will anyone really care that a Father, Mother, Husband, or Wife may be at Home, totally distraught with Children to keep and bills to pay?

Very few Publicans, Bookies or Drug-dealers have the concern to say - Please stop it - No more - think of your Family.

*Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness. (their poverty.) Habakkuk 2 v 15.*

Most people who are ensnared in the vicious circle of drink, drugs, or gambling would love to be free, but feel helpless - simply because they believe it is impossible.

*Well, here is good news for you - it is not impossible.* If you 'genuinely' want to be free - Turn in sincerity to The Lord Jesus Christ in true *repentance* of your sins. *Renounce all* the devilish 'lusts of the flesh' and turn from them. Then ask Jesus to come into your life by Salvation. Ask Him to help you and He will.

*If The Son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8 v 32.*

*For with God, nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1 v 37.*

So, come on my friend, - *do it* - Turn to The Lord. Don't waste another day of your life in a rotten pub, or at the mercy of drug-dealers or bookies. The surroundings may be luxurious but they are nothing more than glorified 'hell holes.' Some pubs are meeting places for Terrorists and Paramilitaries – here they have planned many an evil deed behind closed doors. As The Bible says, '*Come out from among them....*' Come out of all the devil's parlours. It is our Prayer that one day all these 'dens of iniquity' will be closed.

*Premature Death due to Drink, Drugs or Solvent Abuse.*

Every day we hear sad reports of premature deaths due to alcohol, drugs or solvent abuse. Just as smoking affects major organs of the body, so too – drink, drugs and solvents affect not only the body but the mind. Addiction related deaths are escalating out of control. People from all walks of life – all age groups are victims. We trust by reading this leaflet, many will seek God's help to deliver them from the bondage in which they find themselves.

*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6 v 23.*

Drink and drugs have caused thousands of road deaths. Very often victims are innocent people whose lives have been cut short as a result of someone driving 'under the influence.' Many have been murdered at the hands of drug-crazed individuals. It is a very sinister and serious situation which demands 'divine intervention.' It is better never to touch drink or drugs rather than be responsible for destroying not only your own life but so often the lives of innocent people.

*Jesus says: The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, but I, (Jesus) am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10 v10.*

If you are convicted of the sin in your life and you *genuinely* desire to know The Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, get down on your knees and pray sincerely to Him.

Dear Lord Jesus, Please come into my heart and change my life for the better this day. *I acknowledge* I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. *I earnestly repent* of all my sins. *I renounce* all the works of the devil which have ruined my life and afflicted my Family. *I turn to you* for help Lord Jesus. Will you please deliver me from this hateful addiction/s....? Please *forgive me* for all that is past and make me a new creation in you. *I thank you* for shedding your precious Blood and dying on the cross to take away my sins. *I receive* you now as my Lord and Saviour and with your help, I truly want to live for you, and to walk in your ways for the rest of my life. Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.

If you have earnestly *repented* and sincerely prayed this Prayer from your heart, you are now 'born again of The Spirit of God.' The next step is essential - tell someone. Your Minister- Pastor - or some other 'born again' believer, who will help you in your new life with The Lord Jesus Christ. Get a Bible, read it and pray every day. Get involved in a good Bible-believing Church or Fellowship.

Stay away from all the old places you used to frequent, stay away also from all those friends who could be used by the devil to bring you back into bondage. When you are stronger in 'The Faith' – *then* you can witness to your friends of their great need to be saved also. Just like their customers, all Publicans, Bookies and Drug Barons desperately need Salvation.

*What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Mark 8 v 36.*

The curse of God is upon the Drink, Drugs & Gambling trade.

**Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith The Lord, touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith The Lord God Almighty. 1 Corinthians 6 v 17.**

To know the Lord Jesus as Saviour - means a whole new dimension of joy, peace and lasting satisfaction in your life. This is reality - not fiction.

*The Bible puts it like this, 'Thy love, O Lord, is better than wine.'*  
*And*

*'We will remember thy love more than wine.'* Songs of Solomon.1: 2-4.

*Jesus says: ...him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. John 6 v 37.*

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