

# Priorities and Alcohol

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**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;  
<sup>10</sup> for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

<sup>12</sup> Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**1 Thessalonians 5:21** But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good;

<sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

## Three Key Guiding Priorities

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God

**1 Corinthians 10:23** All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

<sup>24</sup> Let no one seek his own *good*, but that of his neighbor.

<sup>25</sup> Eat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience ' sake;

<sup>26</sup> for the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.

<sup>27</sup> If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, eat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience ' sake.

<sup>28</sup> But if anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience ' sake;

<sup>29</sup> I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man's*; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

<sup>30</sup> If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks?

<sup>31</sup> Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

<sup>32</sup> Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

<sup>33</sup> just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, that they may be saved.

**11:1** Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ one another

**Romans 14:13** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

<sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

<sup>15</sup> For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;

<sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> For he who in this *way* serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

<sup>19</sup> So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

<sup>20</sup> Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.

<sup>21</sup> It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or *to do anything* by which your brother stumbles.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the mission

**1 Corinthians 9:19** For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

<sup>20</sup> And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law;

<sup>21</sup> to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

## Our Priorities and Alcohol

**Drunkenness** \_\_\_\_\_ **our priorities**

**Ephesians 5:15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise,

<sup>16</sup> making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

<sup>17</sup> So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

<sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

**Proverbs 23:29** Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

<sup>30</sup> Those who linger long over wine, Those who go to taste mixed wine.

<sup>31</sup> Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it goes down smoothly;

<sup>32</sup> At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper.

<sup>33</sup> Your eyes will see strange things, And your mind will utter perverse things.

<sup>34</sup> 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.

<sup>35</sup> "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."

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

<sup>12</sup> All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

**Alcohol in moderation** \_\_\_\_\_ **our priorities**

**Psalms 104:14** He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,

<sup>15</sup> And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.

**Ecclesiastes 9:7** Go *then*, eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

<sup>8</sup> Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head.

<sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun;

**Deuteronomy 14:24** "And if the distance is so great for you that you are not able to bring *the tithe*, since the place where the LORD your God chooses to set His name is too far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you,

<sup>25</sup> then you shall exchange *it* for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

<sup>26</sup> "And you may spend the money for whatever your heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

<sup>27</sup> "Also you shall not neglect the Levite who is in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you.

**John 2:10** and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when *men* have drunk freely, *then* that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

**Matthew 11:18** "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

<sup>19</sup> "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

**1 Timothy 3:2** An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

<sup>3</sup> not addicted to wine...

**1 Timothy 3:8** Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine...

**1 Timothy 5:23** No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

**Titus 2:3** Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

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CrossPointe Fellowship  
**Outreach Plan**

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## Goal

*Living the Mission* by making disciples

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

## Strategy

*Love* Spend time with and genuinely care about the welfare of the lost.

**Romans 9:2** ...I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

<sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

*Serve* Meet needs. Love is known by the sacrifice it makes.

**Galatians 6:9** And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.

<sup>10</sup> So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

*Share* Share the gospel, a testimony or an invitation to a gathering or event.

**Acts 1:8** but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 8:3** But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

*Love, serve and share* during these

## **Events, Groups and Opportunities**

**The following list contains only the ministries with an outreach component. See the *Ministry Opportunities* guide for a list of all the ministries of CrossPointe Fellowship**

Prayer

Personal relationships

Small groups

Sun morning; house groups;

Women's Tues am and Wed pm; men's Wed am and pm

Greeters and welcome center

Guest follow up

Bridge events

*Real Women* events

Deck events

*CrossPointe In Action*

*Heart to Heart*

*Sonshiners*

*Prayer shawls*

*Hospital*

*Guys with tools*

Benevolence

Sports

Golf

Fishing

Community Center Sports

Community organizations

Chamber of Commerce events

Community Center events

School – tutoring, *Kids Live*, PTO events

*Cultural Connections* events

*Food and Wine on Pine*

*Georgia Gibbons Benefit*

Municipalities

Beach clean up

Businesses

Community services

New movers welcome wagon

Doors, street, beach, piers and bars

Parades

Children's Outreach

Kids Live  
Tutoring  
VBS  
Surf Camp  
Fishing

Youth Outreach

**Matthew 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup> And walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**Matthew 10:32** "Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

<sup>33</sup> "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.

**Luke 24:46** and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day;

<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> "You are witnesses of these things.

**John 20:21** Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

**Acts 20:24** "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

**1 Corinthians 9:22** ...I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

<sup>23</sup> And I do all things for the sake of the gospel...

**2 Corinthians 5:19** ...He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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