

John 2:9

When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

Here is something you don't hear a lot from the pulpit or Christian teaching; It's ok to drink a glass of wine.

Here's another one. It's okay to be a Christian and have a lot of money, because money in itself is not sin, but the bible says that if you love money, that's where the sin is.

† **1 Timothy 6:10** *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

Now the reason these things are spoken against in church is because we abuse God's blessings.

Here in Today's devotional verse, this is from the story of Jesus' first recorded miracle, where He turned water into wine.

Now, we have all seen movies, TV shows, comedians and even posts on social media that actually take this wonderful miracle that Jesus did and turn it into a joke about drinking and even getting drunk. Ah, that's the key word, getting "drunk". Yeah, there is actually a difference in drinking and getting drunk, and the bible speaks of both.

† **Ecclesiastes 9:7** *Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works.*

† **1 Chronicles 12:40** *Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen--provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.*

† **Proverbs 23:21** *For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.*

† **1 Corinthians 5:11** *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.*

Drinking a glass of wine, is not to become drunk, but rather it's for joy. Even at the wedding feast that today's devotional verse is talking about, part of the celebration of drinking wine was to represent joy in the marriage, not a time for everyone to get drunk and have fights like what happens here in the US when people drink too much at weddings and parties. But once again,

God gave wine for man to drink for joy. But man has taken God's blessing and turned it ugly by people taking that blessing and abusing it.

I've used this scenario before, and I think it fits here just as well.

God has taught me how to create websites, which I do for His glory with my teachings of the bible and worship music. But I can take that same blessing and use it to create porn websites. It's not that websites are all bad, it's how they are used.

Another example would be that I can take a piece of paper and write a beautiful love letter to a lady and that would be using the paper for good. On the other hand I can take that same piece of paper and write a robbery note on it and rob a bank, or write something on it degrading about someone and letting every read it. Now I have used that same piece of paper for evil instead of for good.

That's why we need to be careful and not abuse the word of God and His blessing and turning them into sin. Just like the Psalmist said:

† **Psalm 119:11** *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*

Not so that we can find loopholes so that we can sin.