

Relevant Bible Verses Concerning Drinking

- Genesis 9:2-27 – The tragic consequences of the first mentioned drunk.
- Genesis 19:30-38 – Drinking results in Lot's debauchery with his own daughters.
- Leviticus 10:8-11 – The Lord commanded Aaron and his sons not to drink either wine or strong drink while rendering service to God.
- Numbers 6:3 – The vow of the Nazirite included the exclusion drinking wine and strong drink.
- Deuteronomy 21:20 – Drinking is one of the attributes of a stubborn, rebellious, and disobedient son.
- Judges 13:4,7,14 – Samson's mother was expressly commanded by the angel of the Lord not to drink wine or strong drink.
- 1Samuel 25:36-38 – Nabal, a churlish, evil, drinking man, was smitten by the Lord.
- 2Samuel 13:28-29 – Ammon, on a drinking spree, was murdered by the servants of his brother, Absalom.
- 2Samuel 11:13 – By the use of strong drink, David led Uriah into a fatal trap.
- 1Kings 16:8-10 – While Elah, King of Israel, was drinking himself drunk, one of his captains who had conspired against him killed him.
- 1Kings 20:13-21 – While Ben-Hadad, King of Syria, and 32 other kings were drinking themselves drunk in their pavilions, a small band of Israelites fell upon the Syrians and put them to flight.
- Esther 1:5-22 – After a week's feasting and drinking, King Ahasuerus drunkenly tried to subject Vashti, his queen, to the beastly gaze of the drunken people and princes.
- Proverbs 20:1 – No wise person will allow himself to be deceived by wine, which is a mocker, or by strong drink, which is raging.
- Proverbs 21:17; 23:21 – Drinking leads to poverty.
- Proverbs 23:29-30 – Strong drink produces sorrow, woe, contentions, babbling, wounds without cause and redness of eyes.
- Proverbs 23:21 – An admonition to refrain from even looking upon wine.
- Proverbs 23:32 – At the last alcohol bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.
- Proverbs 23:33 – It fills men's minds with impure and perverse thoughts.
- Proverbs 23:24 – It brings on danger, accidents, and insecurity.
- Proverbs 23:35 – Insensibility follows drinking, rendering man into a clod; it is habit forming so that the drinker upon awaking seeks it "yet again".
- Proverbs 31:4-5 – Officials with the responsibility of human life on their hands should not imbibe.
- Ecclesiastes 10:17 – That nation is blessed whose leaders eat for strength and refrain from drunkenness.
- Ecclesiastes 2:3 – The writer of Ecclesiastes tried strong drink but in the end admitted that this too was vanity.
- Isaiah 5:11-12 – Woe is pronounced on those who give themselves to strong drink.

- Isaiah 5:22 – Further woe is pronounced upon the drunkard.
- Isaiah 22:13 – Drinking often goes with carnal living.
- Isaiah 28:1 – A woe is pronounced upon the drunkards of Ephriam.
- Isaiah 28:3 – The drunkards of Ephriam to be trodden down and destroyed.
- Isaiah 28:7 – Prophets and priests become incapable of spiritual leadership because of their drinking.
- Isaiah 56:12 – Drinking accompanies foolish optimism and the sinner’s vain hope that his sins will not find him out.
- Jeremiah 35:5-8, 11, 19 – The Recabites who steadfastly held to total abstinence assured of God’s continual blessings.
- Daniel 1:5, 8,16; 10:3 – Daniel, who refused to drink the king’s wine, was especially blessed by the Lord.
- Daniel 5:1-2 – Example of a king who drank and led his people to do likewise.
- Daniel 5:3 – Drinking leads to profaning sacred things.
- Daniel 3:25-28 – Moral degradation, of which drinking is a symptom, is ultimately punished by God.
- Hosea 4:10-11 – Strong drink and immorality go hand in hand.
- Hosea 7:5 – The king by his drinking was not only made sick but became scornful.
- Joel 3:3 – Young women were sold for the price of a drink.
- Amos 4:1 – Dissolute women, oppressors of the poor, call for their drink.
- Amos 6:3-6 – The evil, idle rich who were given to imbibing wine were not concerned about the affliction of the poor.
- Habakkuk 2:5 – Arrogance is inflamed by drink.
- Habakkuk 2:15 – It is wrong to lead another to drink.
- Habakkuk 2:16 – Drink leads to shame and humiliation.
- Matthew 24:48-51 – Drinking is not consistent with alertness.
- Luke 1:15 – Greatness of John the Baptist linked to abstinence.
- Luke 12:15 – Christ warns against drunkenness.
- Luke 21:31 – Drinking prevents us from being prepared for the Judgment Day.
- Romans 13:13 – All are admonished to walk honestly, not in rioting and drunkenness.
- Romans 14:21 – Christians are admonished not to drink lest a brother be caused to stumble.
- 1Corinthians 5:11 – Christians are forbidden to keep company with drunkards.
- 1Corinthians 6:10 – No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Corinthians 11:21 – The Lord’s Supper is no time for drunkenness.
- Galatians 5:21 – Drunkenness prevents men from inheriting the kingdom of God.
- Ephesians 5:18 – Christians commanded not to be drunk with wine but to be filled with the Spirit.
- 1Timothy 3:3, 8 – Church leaders must not be given to wine.