

OUR FREEDOM IS NOT THREATENED BY RIGHTEOUS LAWS PROHIBITING ALCOHOL

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Some would have us believe that certain laws enacted by government restrict and even threaten the freedom we hold dear. Such arguments are made regarding the **sale of liquor and whiskey**. Should it be legal or not? Some say they don't drink but desire that whiskey be available for those who do. And, for a community to forbid its sale is an infringement upon one's "rights" and freedom. Such reasoning, if you call it such, is utterly invalid and erroneous. By this same "logic," laws regarding acceptable moral behavior in any community would immediately become an imposition upon one's freedom of choice. For example...

Should the law be repealed that prohibits **public nudity**? Why not? It restricts one's freedom to do as they choose. Is it not a threat toward restricting other freedoms? The Bible is the absolute moral standard for the whole world and says nudity and immodest dress is sinful. It tells men and women to adorn themselves in "*modest apparel*" (1 Tim. 2:9).

Should the law be repealed that prohibits **prostitution**? Why not? Doesn't it infringe upon one's freedom? It is morally right that prostitution be illegal in every community. "*Flee fornication*" (1 Cor. 6:18). "*For this is the will of God...that ye should*

abstain from fornication" (1 Thess. 4:3; cf. Ezekiel 16:35-43).

Why have laws against **drugs** such as heroin, cocaine, meth, and marijuana? Such laws restrict one's freedom! Look at the corruption and crime resulting from the prohibition of drugs! Proponents say that people are going to use them regardless, so why not make them legal so the government can control them? Does this rationality sound familiar? Drugs are illegal because they are morally wrong. Drugs are condemned in the word "witchcraft" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Alcohol, whether beer, wine, whiskey, liquor, etc., kills as many as 8 to 10 times more people every year than heroin and cocaine combined. Nevertheless, alcohol is legalized and other drugs are outlawed. How ridiculous can you get? The damage and hurt of hard-core drugs doesn't begin to compare with that caused by alcohol. Both are evil! Both must be prohibited from any community because they are morally bankrupt.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also..." (Habakkuk 2:15). *"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"* (Prov. 20:1).

Have you been deceived?