

# WHY IS ALCOHOL SOLD IN A COMMUNITY?

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**I**t is sold because of greed and covetousness. Those who peddle alcohol do so for their own financial gain while turning a blind eye to its consequences. However, it is a financial disaster, not an answer to fund raising. It incapacitates man and makes him unfit for usefulness. It brings rags and crumbs to the man/woman and his/her family. *“Be not among winebibbers...For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty”* (Prov. 23:20-21). Consider Luke 12:15, Colossians 3:5, Hebrews 13:5, Romans 1:29-32.

**It is sold because those who allow it and promote it have no concern for family.** The home is a divine institution (Gen. 2:18-25), not a man-made tradition. It will continue till God brings this world to an end. Beer/alcohol corrupts and destroys the home. It has never caused a man/woman to love his/her wife/husband and children. It does not promote and exalt love and care, good will or a bond of affection. It disgraces and destroys it. Alcohol is the leading cause of battered wives, husbands and children. Millions suffer as a result of its destructive force. Thousands and thousands of single parents and orphaned children suffer as a consequence of its deadly influence and devastation. *“Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to*

*him, and makest him drunken also...”* (Habakkuk 2:15; Isaiah 5:11,22).

**It is sold because there is no concern for the community.** Though it is “defended” on the grounds of collecting tax dollars that will be used to build up the community, IT IS A LIE. Alcohol absolutely, unequivocally, definitely, positively does NOT have a place in any community (Prov. 31:4-5; 23:33)! It is a curse and affliction from beginning to end. Over half a million people are injured or killed every year in auto accidents involving drinking drivers. Statistics show that the worst offender is a person who has had only a drink or two.

**It is sold because there is no love for the Lord and His cause.** Alcohol, along with everything and everyone surrounding it, does not and never has promoted more love for the Lord, family, neighbors, and community. It has never brought a person closer to Jesus and heaven.

When Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), it included those who drink alcohol. Jesus said that those who go to heaven put him first above everything else (Matt. 6:33). The blessed Lord said, *“if ye love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15,23). *“He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he is it that loveth me”* (John 14:21). Selling alcohol is not loving the Lord.