

WHY IS ALCOHOL SOLD IN A COMMUNITY?

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It 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.