

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ALCOHOL?

**In this week's teaching, Pastor DJ shares Biblical truths in regard to drinking alcohol, as well as the what and why of his personal convictions.**

### **What does the Bible say?**

Two biblical positions on alcohol:

- Abstinence: Proverbs 31:4-5
- Moderation: 1 Timothy 3:8

The Bible clearly and repeatedly prohibits drunkenness:

- Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 5:18

The Bible recognizes the power/influence alcohol can have on people:

- Proverbs 20:1

### **Alcohol and the Church?**

Abstinence required for membership? No.

Abstinence required for leadership? Yes.

- Proverbs 31:4-5
- 1 Timothy 3:8

### **9 Reasons Your Pastor Does Not Drink Alcohol:**

1. I was raised this way.
2. As an example for my children.
3. Many in my congregation would struggle if I chose to drink.
4. Not drinking is a way I can look different.
5. Alcohol is associated with a great deal of sinful behavior.
6. If I drank, I could develop a problem/addiction.
7. I don't want to do anything that I couldn't do (or confess to doing) in front of my congregation.
8. I want to remain clear and mentally sharp at all times, in order to witness and encourage. (1 Peter 3:15-16).
9. I support the long held values of our Southern Baptist denomination which take a firm stance on the dangers of alcohol.