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9-8-66

P.M. Stand a Compliment
Henningsly love sermo } Come! 711.
5:00

DOES DRINKING ALCOHOL MAKE A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD?

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Battle between good & evil always with us! Eph. 6:11-12
Devil has never given up and never will. I Pet. 5:8.
I Tim. 6:12. II Tim. 2:1-3.

Oak Cliff is facing a serious decision: "Shall we allow; free-flowing liquor, beer taverns, honky-tonks, and saloons to pour out more drunkenness, crime and human misery over our community? Eventual results!!!!

Paralleled questions: What would we do if people began to dump their garbage in our front yards? trash in our streets? and abandoned cars in our alleys?

Answer: Demand a clean-up sanitation program.

Observation:: We HAVE a sanitation situation now! Others want to clutter it with ALCOHOL.

III. Westcliff mall survey: Juvenile Crime: North Dallas (the Parks) 28%. Oak Cliff 6%.

REQUEST INVOLVED IN THIS SERMON:

1. Do not sign any petition for a beer election.
2. Should it come to a vote in November, vote NO!

I. A CHRISTIAN LOOK AT DRINKING. Three choices before us.

A. Drink to your fill; DRUNKENNESS. 78 Bible passages refer to drunkards, drunkenness and consequences. I Cor. 6:9-10.* Gal. 5:19-21.* Destiny clear!!! Few, if any, advocate THIS!!

B. Drink Moderately or Socially. What does Bible say?
1. JUDGE JOE HILL: 65% Americans drink socially, or 130 million! And 8 million are chronic alcoh.

III. Like taking 130 W. H. v.b. s. children on field trip along 5 mile creek. Only 8 will be bitten by water moccocins. How many go??? Yours?

2. They drank WINE in Jesus' and Paul's day. TRUE!!

1. If YOU had the same need for it they did, and you would drink it like they did, then nothing would be said TODAY.

a. Reason: Contaminated water! Drank new sweet grape juice, slightly fermented grape juice or cut older wine 3 parts water

b. Need does not exist today. Our water good. Modern medicines and purification processes eliminate any need of such uses!
Many risks run if drink at all!!!!!!!!!!!!

C. Drink None At All. Only safe course. Totally safe!

1. A.M.A. mentions: Psychological and Physiological alcoholism. One drink, and sunk! Victims: Lawyers, doctors, preachers, bankers, etc. etc.

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2. Paul make a strong case on **influence**. Rom. 14:21

I Thess. 5:21. **Abstinence superior, better? YES.**

I Thess. 5:22. Most thoughtful, spiritual and

concerned Americans still frown on any degree of drinking alcohol. **Safest!**

To thoughtful parents: There is no risk whatsoever in **abstaining from liquor** either in direct teaching or indirect influence.

CONCLUSION: Those who want the **very best** out of life are **not** going to take unnecessary risks!

INV: Only thing that keeps most people from all kinds of sins and vices in today's world is: Genuine desire for the **GOOD LIFE** and the **BETTER THINGS IN LIVING.**

Challenge your heart:

Any **better life** than that of a **genuine** Christian mother? That stopped Lincoln's drinking. father?

Any **better WAY OF LIVING** than Christian way? If you can name it, **I WANT IT!**

JESUS INVITES YOU:

To the best life there is: John 3:3-5.

To come home if strayed away. I John 1:9.

Identify.