# Alcohol, drugs and gambling?

I personally knew of an Evangelist (former alcoholic) who became a servant of the Lord and was exposed to alcohol again not by his mates at the pub BUT THE VERY CHURCH WHO WERE SUPPOSE TO BE THE QUOTE "SHINING LIGHT" and the pastors there 'tempted him' to just have "ONE ALCOHOLIC DRINK" has presto another hypocritical miracle HE TURNED BACK INTO A HOPLESS ALCOHOLIC AGAIN praise the Lord ????

I REBUKE THE RELIGIOUS CHURCH! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE FOOLING THE HOLY GHOST? BE VERY CAREFULL AS THE JUDGEMENT HAND OF THE LORD IS UPON YOU FOR THIS ALONE and I wont even mention all the other "power and control" addictions the religious church has imposed over the congregation, GOOD LUCK FACING THE LORD ON THESE ISSUES.

Today we have all sorts of Justification for the religious Church to try to 'hold the congregation' and permitting the drinking of alcohol is just one of the 'temptations' they use

Fit for Christ ministries policy on Drugs and Alcohol is **TOTAL ABSTINENCE** www.fitforchristministries.com

Kenneth Copeland ministries policy on Drugs and Alcohol is **TOTAL ABSTINENCE** http://www.kcm.org/read/questions/can-christian-drink-alcohol

KCM DELIVERENCE FROM HABITS THATCONTROL YOU(applies to Alcohol and drugs) http://www.kcm.org/real-help/life-work/pray/a-prayer-deliverance-habits

Below is the salvation army's policy on Alcohol & Drugs:

# **Alcohol & Other Drugs**

If you want to make a change, or someone you know needs help with their drug or alcohol use, we're here. We can help you take the next step, no matter how difficult it might seem.

# Help is all around

Community support is key in the recovery from addiction. Sisters, mothers, fathers, brothers, children – we can be affected by drugs and alcohol in many different ways.

Whether you need help or you're looking out for a loved one, you can speak to us.

Find a support service near you or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/Get-Assistance/Alcohol--Other-Drugs/

# Why don't Salvationists drink, smoke or gamble?

Salvationists believe that once we have entered into a relationship with God our lives become his temple, and so we must try to adopt a lifestyle that is beneficial to our well-being. Body, mind and soul are closely interrelated and what has an adverse effect on one may well affect the other.

#### Alcoholic drink

The misery and poverty of London's East End, which was often exacerbated by excessive drinking, led the Army's Founders to regard drink as a social evil. They made total abstinence from alcohol a condition of membership because abstinence rather than moderation seemed to them to be the most effective answer to the tragedies caused by drunkenness and alcoholism.

Today, tragedies caused through excessive drinking are no less in evidence, and the Army feels it would be hypocritical to come alongside and try to help in such situations unless its own members practised abstinence from that which was the root cause of these problems.

The Army would not judge people who see no harm in drinking in moderation. However, in a society where much social and business interaction revolve around alcohol, a positive stance is made by Salvationists that it is not necessary to rely on alcohol to feel confident, communicate with others or enjoy oneself.

## Smoking

In an age before the dangers of smoking were known, the Founders regarded tobacco as injurious to health, a waste of money and a disagreeable thing to inflict on others. For that reason Salvationists were at first discouraged, and subsequently forbidden, to smoke. History has proved William and Catherine Booth's views correct.

#### **Drugs**

Of course Salvationists, along with all right-thinking people, abstain from the non-medical use of drugs or addictive substances.

### **Gambling**

Christians believe that our lives are in God's hands. Gambling is based on luck and chance and contradicts this belief. Gambling can be addictive, causing misery to the families of those caught in its web. Salvationists want to distance themselves from anything that can be the cause of so much harm. Nor would we be happy at making gain through other people's loss, the principle on which gambling operates.

When asked to support a lottery or raffle in aid of charity, Salvationists are free to support by making a donation instead. Salvationists do not regard their abstinence from alcohol, tobacco and gambling as a negative lifestyle, but rather we believe that it gives us the freedom to be the people God intended us to be.

http://www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk/what-to-know-more/why-dont-salvationists-drink-smoke-or-gamble/

## **BOTTOM LINE:**

A CHRISTIAN SHOULD <u>LEAD BY EXAMPLE</u> AND BE THE ANSWER TO THE WORLD FULL OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER TEMPTATIONS <u>DESIGNED BY SATAN TO BIND AND CONTROL YOU</u> ULTIMATELY IN MANY CASES <u>LEADING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DEATH</u> AND PEOPLE SCARRED EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY FOR LIFE.

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