

1 Timothy 5:23

PART I

{Sunday, June 16, 2013 A.D.}

1 Timothy 5:23 (NASB95)

²³ No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

(ESV) ²³ (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)

(NIV) ²³ Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

(KJV) ²³ Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

(NLT) ²³ Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.

(NET1) ²³ (Stop drinking just water, but use a little wine for your digestion and your frequent illnesses.)

(YLT) ²³ no longer be drinking water, but a little wine be using, because of thy stomach and of thine often infirmities;

➤ **What does the immediate context of this passage of Scripture bring to a correct understanding of it?**

- What is the Bible referring to in its usage of the word "Wine"?
 - What generally is the Bible's teaching regarding "Wine"?
 - What generally is the Bible's teaching regarding the abuse of "Wine"?
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1 Timothy 3:1-13 (NASB95)

¹ It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*. ² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, **temperate**, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ **not addicted to wine** or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸ Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, ⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

¹¹ Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:1-5 (NASB95)

¹ But **the Spirit explicitly says** that in later times **some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**, ² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, ³ **men** who forbid marriage *and* **advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth**. ⁴ For **everything created by God is good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is **received with gratitude**; ⁵ for it is **sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer**.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NASB95)

¹² Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, **conduct**, love, faith *and* **purity**, show yourself an **example** of those who believe.
