



THE FINAL STAGE IS 'GLORIFY,' IN THIS STAGE WE HAVE ALREADY **RECAPPED WHAT WE** HAVE BEEN STUDYING, **BUT WE WANT TO EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF** RADICAL ABANDONMENT AND PURSUIT OF GOD. EVERY BREATH/EVERY **ACTION/ EVERYTHING WE** DO SHOULD REFLECT CHRIST, IT SHOULD REFLECT A LIFE TRANSFORMED BY GOD AND A LIFE FILLED WITH GOD!



1 JOHN 2, 'THOSE WHO SAY THEY LIVE IN GOD MUST LIVE AS JESUS LIVED.' OUR MOTIVATIONS FOR LIVING A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE FOR CHRIST ARE THE SAME MOTIVATIONS THAT GOD HAS FOR ACTUALLY GIVING US THE COMMANDS, LOVE! JOHN 14. 'IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL **OBEY MY COMMANDS.' THUS. OBEDIENCE IS NOT** GENERATED OUT OF A PLACE OF RITUALISM, LEGALISM. OBLIGATION, OR I GUESS BECAUSE IT'S GOOD FOR ME. **BUT RATHER IT SHOULD BE** PURE LOVE, WHY I OBEY GOD IS BECAUSE I LOVE GOD.



THESE STAGES WILL ALLOW YOU TO FOCUS ON GOD'S WORD AND SPECIFIC PROMISES THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO GIVE ABSOLUTELY **EVERYTHING FOR CHRIST.** THAT IS OUR DEEP LONGING. THAT EVERYTHING WE DO IS FOR CHRIST!! NO. BUT SERIOUSLY EVERYTHING, **EVERYTHING YOU SAY TO** YOUR PARENTS, YOUR FRIENDS. EVERYTHING YOU DO IN WORK. IN SPORT. IN MUSIC, IN CHURCH, IN THE SHOPS, IN RANDOM PLACES, ANY ENVIRONMENT, ANY CONTEXT. EVERYTHING IS FOR GOD'S GLORY, OUR BODIES ARE LIVING SACRIFICES THAT ARE NOT DEMONSTRATIONS OF WHAT WE WANT, BUT INSTEAD WHAT GOD WANTS.





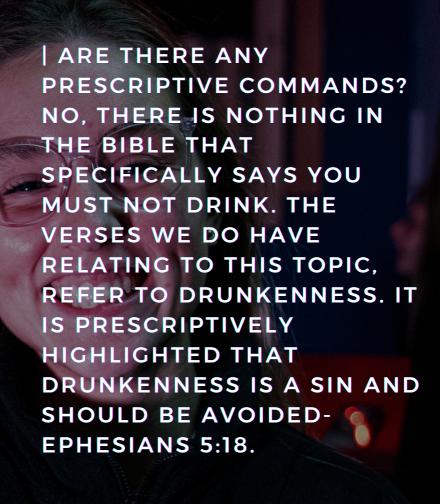
A MAJOR FOCUS IN THIS STAGE IS TO ANSWER ANYTHING THAT MAY HAVE FALLEN THROUGH THE CRACKS. IN LIFE WE ARE. HAVE AND WILL BE FACED WITH **CIRCUMSTANCES AND DECISIONS WHEREBY THERE** SEEMS TO BE A LEVEL OF **UNCERTAINTY AND** SUBJECTIVITY AS TO HOW PEOPLE RESPOND AND ACT. FOR EXAMPLE, A QUESTION COMMONLY ASKED IS 'SHOULD **CHRISTIANS DRINK? OUR RESPONSE AS FOLLOWERS** OF JESUS IS WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT THIS THROUGH HIS INSPIRED WORD.



WE SHOULD LOOK FOR
WHETHER THERE ARE ANY
PRESCRIPTIVE COMMANDS
RELATING TO THE TOPIC- EG.
SHOULD WE MURDER? NO!
'THOU SHALT NOT MURDER.'
THE SECOND THING WE SHOULD
LOOK FOR WHEN DECIDING
WHEN SOMETHING IS OF GOD, IS
DESCRIPTIVE NARRATIVES
FROM THE BIBLE, EG. SHOULD
WE MURDER? NO! CAIN KILLED
ABEL, AND GOD'S
CONDEMNATION OF THIS.

IN THIS CASE, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DRINKING ALCOHOL?







WHAT ARE THE DESCRIPTIVE NARRATIVES? WELL WE HAVE NOAH GETTING DRUNK AND LYING NAKED (EMBARRASSING) NADAB AND ABIHU (AARON'S SON'S) GOT DRUNK, PROFANING THE TABERNACLE AND CONSEQUENTLY RESULTING IN THEIR DEATH! IT IS CLEAR DRUNKENNESS ONLY REAPS **NEGATIVE EFFECTS. THIS CLEARLY HAS THE TRADEMARKS** OF SIN! SIN BRINGS DEATH THE **BIBLE SAYS (EZEKIEL 18:20) AND** DEATH BRINGS DESTRUCTION. SUFFERING, MOURNING AND **GUILT! SO THIS IS WHAT** DRUNKENNESS WILL DO. FINALLY, THE LAST THING WE WANT TO GO THROUGH WHEN MAKING A DECISION IS THE 'FOURFOLD'.



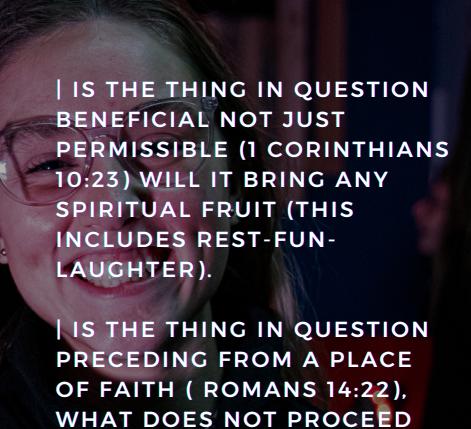


| IS THE THING IN QUESTION (THIS CASE ALCOHOL) OPERATING IN THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT- LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL?

IS THE THING IN QUESTION PASSED BY PHILIPPIANS 4, 'WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE—IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.'







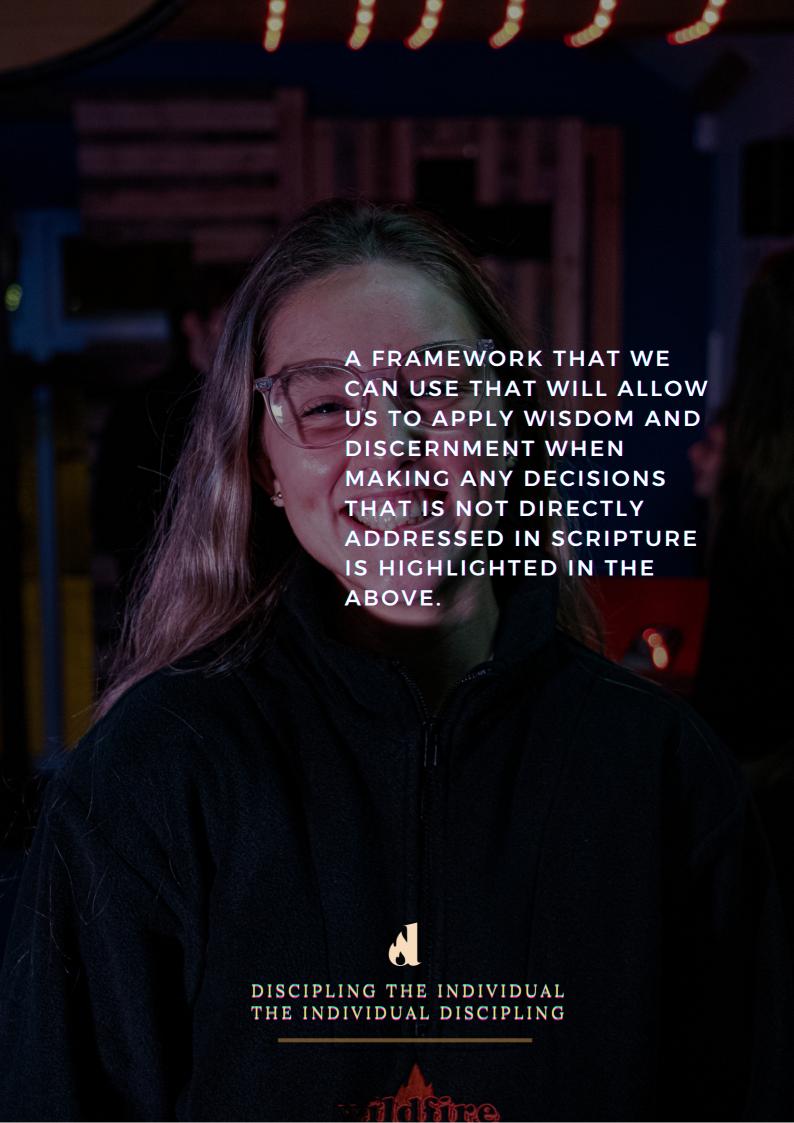
FROM FAITH IS SIN.





| FINALLY, AFTER YOU HAVE DONE THE THING, CAN YOU STAND BEFORE GOD INNOCENT LIKE DAVID DID IN PSALM 18, CAN YOU DO THE THING YOU ARE DOING **BEFORE JESUS? ROMANS 2:15.** GOD HAS GIVEN US A CONSCIENCE, ENGRAVING TRUE MORALITY IN OUR HEARTS. THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT ONLY **CONVICTS. BUT GIVES** MOTIVATION AND POWER TO **RESPOND TO WHAT GOD COMMANDS AND EXPECTS OF** US.





THE QUESTION IS WHY GO THROUGH SUCH A RIGOROUS PROCESS, IT'S A BIT EXCESSIVE, A BIT TOO MUCH, A BIT SUFFOCATING! IF BEING **OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WORD** HAS BECOME SUFFOCATING! SOMETHING DEEPER IS WRONG AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. REALITY CHECK, WE ARE SINNERS SAVED BY GRACE, CHILDREN OF GOD WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN UNCOUNTABLE AMOUNT OF GIFTS. WE ARE CALLED TO BE SALT AND LIGHT, WE ARE CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT, WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOLY. PURE. WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIVING DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE ONE WHO CREATED US.



OUR MOTIVATIONS COME FROM A PLACE OF LOVE AND ADORATION, WE SHOULD NOT ONLY NOT WANT TO SIN AGAINST GOD, WE SHOULD GO FURTHER, WE SHOULD BE ON THE OFFENSIVE, ASKING HOW CAN I MAGNIFY GOD. "HOW CAN I BE THE BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE THAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO THE GOSPEL' (JOHN PIPER/ DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE). YES, THIS TYPE OF MEDITATIVE THINKING. THIS CHRISTLIKE LENS TO WHICH WE SHOULD LOOK AT EVERYTHING IS THE **EPITOME OF A LIFE** CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST, WE SHOULD RAISE THE BANNER OF 'TO LIVE IS CHRIST. TO DIE IS GAIN.' (PHILLIPIANS 1:21).



