

Twenty-first birthday quiet time

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Scriptures to read

- Ephesians 5:18
- Proverbs 20:1
- Proverbs 23: 29–35
- Galatians 5:19-21
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Romans 14:13-20
- Titus 1:7
- 1 Timothy 3:3

After you read the Scriptures above, journal through these questions:

- 1. What is your heart's attitude toward honoring God with your life?
- 2. What is your heart's attitude toward sin (desiring holiness versus getting as close to the line as you can; it's not a big deal versus sin has serious consequences)?
- 3. Is drinking alcohol a sin? Does it dishonor God? (Why or why not?)
- 4. Is getting drunk a sin? Does it dishonor God? (Why or why not?)
- 5. Is getting buzzed a sin? Does it dishonor God? (Why or why not?)
- 6. Is it a sin if people assume you are drunk? Does it dishonor God? (Why or why not?)
- 7. What are some potential consequences for your witness for Christ if you get drunk (or people think you are drunk)? How long might these consequences affect you?
- 8. What are some potential consequences for yourself personally and spiritually if you get drunk (or appear to be drunk)?
- 9. What are some danger areas for you personally with alcohol (peer pressure, boys, FOMO, people pleasing, hiding sin versus integrity, pride, reputation, family pressure, etc.)?
- 10. What is the root sin behind whatever you answered in the last question? What attribute of God are you forsaking? How does the gospel apply to that issue?
- 11. What are promises about living life as worship to God and according to his commands (Psalm 1, Proverbs 1, Isaiah 48:17–22)?
- 12. What are promises about accepting sin like the world (Psalm 1, Proverbs 1, Isaiah 48:17-22)?
- 13. If you mess up, what's your next step with God, your inner circle, others, and yourself?

Application

- 1. Where will you celebrate your twenty-first birthday?
- 2. Who from your inner circle will be in your crew that night and "on your team"? (Don't assume; ask and get commitments from people.)
- 3. What will you drink? How much will you drink? (Be very specific.)
- 4. What's your plan when people pressure you to drink more? (What will you say?)
- 5. What are some specific guidelines for how you will handle alcohol while you are in college?
- 6. Do you have any other concerns or worries about turning twenty-one that you need to continue to process through?

