

The Works of The Flesh

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Self Indulgence

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Drunkenness

- **Drunkenness** – methai ~ denotes “drunkenness, habitual intoxication,” (Vines) ~ yet it seems that in the last two passages the proximity of κωμοι=‘unrestrained revelry’ may influence μέθαι in the direction of drinking-bout; (BDAG)
- Proverbs 20:1
- Proverbs 23:19-21
- Proverbs 23:29-35
- The Issue of intoxication is one of losing control of one’s thoughts and behavior.

Drunkenness (cont.)

- Kings and priests must not lose control of their minds.
 - Leviticus 10:8-11
 - Proverbs 31:4-5
 - Is this true of the royal priesthood as well?
- So what is it good for?
 - Proverbs 31:6-7 – The dieing and afflicted
 - 1 Timothy 5:23 – possibly for medicinal purposes
- But we have more effective medicines for these purposes now, so what is its main purpose today?
 - Alcoholic drinks today are generally much more portent than the wine or strong drink we are warned about.
 - Often the substances abused are far more dangerous than alcohol

Carousing

- **Carousing** – *komoi* ~ only in a bad sense excessive feasting (BDAG) ~ Greek *kómoi* occurs in lists of vices in Rom. 13:13, where it is coupled with *méthai*; in Gal. 5:21, where it follows *méthai*; and in 1 Pet. 4:3, where it appears between *oinophlygíai* (RSV “drunkenness”) and *pótoi* (RSV “carousing”; literally “drinking party”). Originally *kómos* meant simply “festal gathering.” But because of the debauchery associated with the cults of certain gods (especially Dionysus), the term had by intertestamental times taken on negative connotations (cf. 2 Macc. 6:4). In Wisd. 14:23 it is named as one of the evils of idolatry. (ISBE)
- 1 Peter 4:1-5

And The Like

- **And the Like** – No matter what people call parties, when drunkenness and licentiousness are the aim we walk in the flesh and not the Spirit of God.
- *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
Galatians 5:25