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8 - 8.5 - 9 Percent Compound Interest

CHURCH BONDS

TABLE OF MATURITY VALUES

Interest accumulated at
8% per annum on bonds maturing 6 months - 5 years
8½% per annum on bonds maturing 5½ years - 10 years
9% per annum on bonds maturing 10½ - 15 years
Interest Compounded Semi-annually

AVAILABLE IN
DENOMINATIONS OF:

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

No. Yrs.	BOND DENOMINATION					Average Annual Yield
	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	
½	\$10,400.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,040.00	\$520.00	\$260.00	4.00%
1	10,816.00	5,408.00	1,081.60	540.80	270.40	8.16%
1½	11,248.60	5,624.30	1,124.86	562.43	281.22	8.32%
2	11,698.60	5,849.30	1,169.86	584.93	292.46	8.49%
2½	12,166.50	6,083.30	1,216.65	608.33	304.16	8.67%
3	12,653.00	6,326.60	1,265.30	632.66	316.33	8.84%
3½	13,159.30	6,579.70	1,315.93	657.97	328.98	9.02%
4	13,685.50	6,842.80	1,368.55	684.28	342.14	9.21%
4½	14,233.00	7,116.60	1,423.30	711.66	355.83	9.38%
5	14,802.00	7,401.20	1,480.20	740.12	370.06	9.60%
5½	15,393.50	7,703.20	1,539.35	770.32	385.16	9.84%
6	16,008.00	8,024.00	1,600.80	802.40	401.20	10.08%
6½	16,645.00	8,356.25	1,664.50	832.75	418.38	10.34%
7	17,305.00	8,700.00	1,730.50	865.00	436.25	10.64%
7½	17,988.00	9,056.25	1,798.80	897.75	454.88	10.96%
8	18,694.00	9,424.00	1,869.40	932.20	474.10	11.30%
8½	19,423.00	9,803.75	1,942.30	967.88	494.00	11.66%
9	20,175.00	10,195.00	2,017.50	1,005.00	514.50	12.04%
9½	20,950.00	10,598.75	2,095.00	1,042.75	535.63	12.44%
10	21,748.00	11,015.00	2,174.80	1,081.60	557.40	12.86%
10½	22,569.00	11,443.75	2,256.90	1,120.75	579.88	13.30%
11	23,413.00	11,885.00	2,341.30	1,161.10	603.05	13.76%
11½	24,280.00	12,338.75	2,428.00	1,202.25	626.88	14.24%
12	25,170.00	12,805.00	2,517.00	1,244.00	651.30	14.74%
12½	26,083.00	13,283.75	2,608.30	1,286.25	676.38	15.26%
13	27,019.00	13,775.00	2,701.90	1,329.00	702.10	15.80%
13½	27,988.00	14,278.75	2,798.80	1,372.25	728.48	16.36%
14	28,980.00	14,795.00	2,898.00	1,416.00	755.50	16.94%
14½	29,995.00	15,323.75	2,999.50	1,460.25	783.18	17.54%
15	31,034.00	15,865.00	3,103.40	1,505.00	811.50	18.16%

*The above average annual yield refers to yield each year when the bond is held to maturity. This interest is paid along with the principal, only at the maturity date of the bond.

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GOD DESCRIBES THE DRUNKARD

Billy W. Moore

Drinking and drunkenness is a common sin around the world, among all classes of people. No doubt the modern methods of brewing, canning, bottling and shipping have advanced the availability of liquor to the world, while increased legalization and tremendous advertising have promoted the sales. Few, if any sins among men, cause so much heartache, misery and sorrow as the sin of drinking. While the advertising of liquor continues to deceive the people by portraying the "man of distinction," the "beautiful woman," and fun and pleasure associated with drinking, it never shows the end result. While those who drink talk about "what a good time" they are having, God talks about their woes.

The August 1974 issue of Reader's Digest had a splendid article on drinking and its effect upon the human body (Pages 116-117). If you missed that article it would be worth looking up. Ten effects are listed and discussed more fully than I shall discuss.

- (1) Slows down brain activity.
- (2) Barriers of self-control are lifted.
- (3) Motor centers of the brain are overly affected.
- (4) An alcoholic suffers malnutrition.
- (5) Affects production and activity of certain disease-fighting white blood cells.
- (6) A fatty liver, increasing chances of developing cirrhosis.
- (7) Inhibits the ability of the brain cells to manufacture proteins and ribonucleic acid (RNA).
- (8) Premature and irreversible destruction of brain cells after years of heavy drinking.
- (9) Excessive use of alcohol is linked to certain kinds of heart disease.
- (10) May cause impotence.

The article also listed other results of drinking: i.e., of the 95 million Americans who drink one in ten is an alcoholic; that alcoholism is the country's third biggest health problem, after heart disease and cancer; half of all murders are associated with drinking; at least half of each year's 55,000 auto deaths can be traced directly to driver or pedestrian under the influence; plus the dollar cost of \$15 billion per year.

While men are able to see many woes of drinking God has known of them through the centuries. He lists these woes in Proverbs 23:29-30:

- (1) Sorrow. Drinking brings sorrow, broken homes, neglected children, injuries, heartaches and death.
- (2) Contentions. The drinker becomes contentious: with himself, being caught between his desires and his conscience; with his wife and family, fussing, fighting, separation, divorce, abuse; with others, for he is always ready to argue.
- (3) Babblings. The drunkard grumbles and complains. Drinking brings about foolish talking, revealing secrets, vile conversation, shouting, noisy demonstrations. It also brings complaints, for the drunkard's money is gone, or he has missed work thus has less pay,

he has less strength although in his own mind he thinks he can whip the world.

(4) Wounds without cause. Bodily injuries frequently come to the drinking person; by falling for no reason other than his drunkenness, by fighting for many drunks like to fight, or from an accident for he is more inclined to have an accident.

(5) Redness of eyes. The sign of drinking. Often he suffers the dimming of the eyes and power of vision.

GOD'S WARNING

God has given a warning to mankind: "Look not on the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." (Proverbs 23:31) To look upon it is to confront yourself with temptation. Christians are to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22) not confront themselves with it.

The reason for God's warning: God sees the end result of drinking. Not only can he see it, but he has told us the end result. (Proverbs 23:32-35)

(1) "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Many who are so afraid of a snake seem to have no fear of drinking.

(2) "Thine eyes shall behold strange women." Many a drinker has sought the love of a strange woman.

(3) "Thine heart shall utter perverse things." Things are said by the drunkard that he otherwise would not say. Things that hurt him and those who love him. Jesus said, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matt. 12:37) The fact that one utters these perverse things while under the influence of alcohol does not excuse him in God's sight.

(4) "Thou shalt be as one that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth down upon the top of a mast." How ridiculous would one be who would try to lie down in the midst of the sea? How absurd to try to lie down upon the top of a mast. But no more ridiculous and absurd than the actions of one who has been drinking.

(5) Will be struck and beaten and will not know it. Tarrying long at the wine will stupefy one's feelings. When others strike him or beat him he may feel no pain, and when he awakes he will not know who has so treated him.

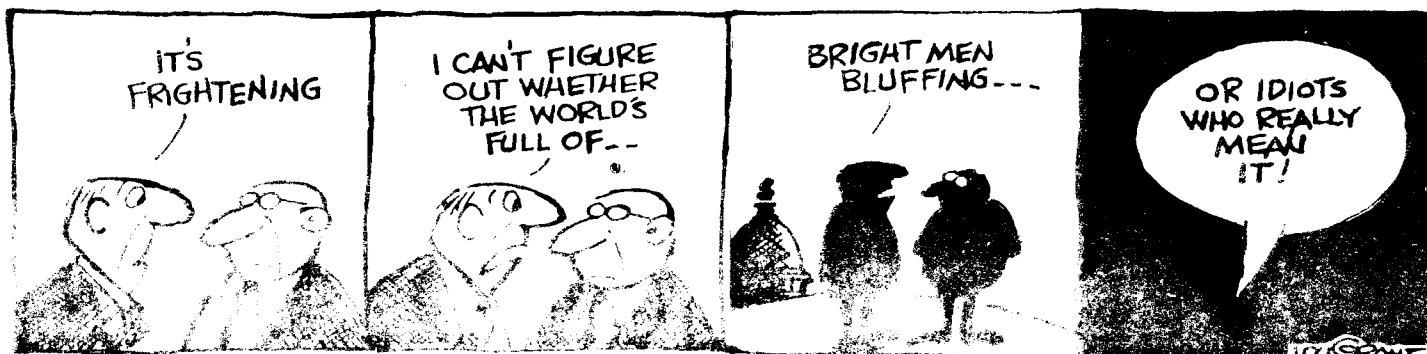
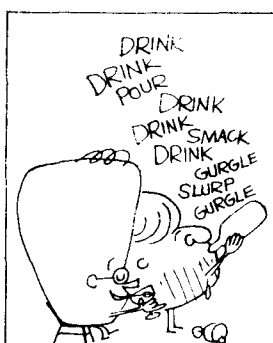
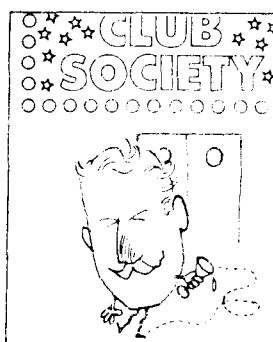
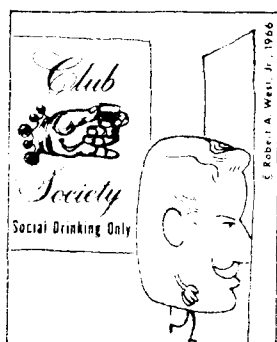
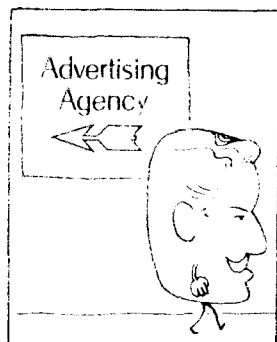
(6) Lest you become a slave to it. God knew that many persons would be enslaved by drinking. We call them alcoholics. God spoke of this danger in these words: "when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again." (Proverbs 23:35) In spite of all the woes that drinking brings still millions awake from drunkenness and say, I must have another drink!

The making of a drunkard is a process, it does not happen overnight. It usually begins with keeping bad company, company with those who drink. It is still true that "evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:33). If you place yourself in the company of

It is evident that many are deceived by strong drink. God has said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1) Wine is a mocker: it mocks and deceives by its appearance, by its fragrance and flavor, while it intoxicates by its strength and makes the intoxicated look ridiculous. Strong drink is raging and gets those who drink it involved in brawls. The movies and TV shows show the saloons and the brawls. God still says,

When every argument has been made to justify drinking, even the social drinking, the facts still remain: There are 9.5 million alcoholics in our nation all of whom were once moderate drinkers; drinking bears evil fruit; God warns against it; the drunkard cannot inherit the kingdom of God; drunkenness is a work of the flesh and will cause one to be lost. Let all of God's people take His advice: "Look not on the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup," for "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

THEOPHILUS



Mr. Graham is Wrong!

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God's Word, in the Bible, should be the final standard of authority in our lives. The Holy Scriptures will judge us (Jno. 12:48). Therefore we must allow sacred truth (Jno. 8:32; 17:17) to guide our thinking in all spiritual matters. Each should study the Bible for himself and search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11) to see if what we are taught is what God revealed, instead of what man has invented. Many doctrines are popular, but nevertheless untrue.

We must handle properly every verse in every chapter of each book of the Bible if we would be pleasing to God (2 Tim. 2:15).

Recently in one of Mr. Graham's newspaper columns, "My Answer," several thoughts were expressed that we sincerely believe to be exactly opposite to plain New Testament teaching. Please study carefully the following points.

1. In discussing the spiritual state of one who professed to be a Christian, but who actually was committing adultery, Mr. Graham stated that "behavior does not cancel our salvation." This was the doctrine of the Nicolaitans of the first century. Jesus was opposed to such teaching and the life it produced (Rev. 2:15). Paul taught that the way he lived made a difference in this world and the one to come (1 Cor. 9:27). Behavior does cancel salvation according to Jas. 5:19-20! Mr. Graham is wrong on his "once saved, always saved" notion because Gal. 5:19-21, written unto Christians, warns that adultery severs us from the Lord and His kingdom.

2. In the same article (Mar. 10, 1975) Billy Graham said that all one had to do to become a Christian was to have "a sorry feeling for past sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Jno. 3:16)." His definition of repentance differs from 2 Cor. 7:10 and Mt. 21:28-30, where we learn that one must change his mind before he can change his life (read 2 Cor. 10:5). Also, in the same chapter three of John he quotes, our Lord also enjoined baptism as a necessary prerequisite to salvation (Jno. 3:5; Acts 8:12). Truly, as Jesus taught in Mk. 16:16—"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Saul of Tarsus asked the Lord what he needed to do to be saved. Christ said, "In the city it shall be told thee what you must do." (Acts 9:6). He was told to "arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16). Why doesn't Mr. Graham teach that?

We stand ready to defend these matters publicly and privately. Our search for truth (1 Pet. 4:11) demands it (Jude 3). —*Gospel Minutes*

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