

*Why did God create the tobacco plant? If He doesn't want people damaging or abusing their bodies? Sometimes we get nervous and stress then we need a cigarette to calm ourselves down. Also, I know we don't need to smoke marijuana since humans have found a way to use hemp as source of energy, fuel etc.. For me drinking tea is not enough to feel relaxed. I know smoking has a lot of negative effects but I know it has two positive effects such as digestion and relaxation. There are some famous Christian theologians and preachers who smoke tobacco, like Charles Spurgeon. He was an outstanding man of God and loved God and I don't think the Lord sent him to hell. I believe he's in Heaven. Also many other Christians smoke as well. Likewise there are many Christians who drink alcohol occasionally but they try not to get too drunk. But they still love God and they are not trying to or intentionally making Him upset. What about electronic cigarettes? They still contain small amounts of nicotine but are less harmful than a regular cigarettes. But is it sinful to smoke tobacco, does God condemn all of this?*

God gave man plants (Ge 1:11, 12) for his care and nutrition (Ge 1:28, 29, Ps 104:14, Heb 6:7). When God created the plants, he proclaimed that they “are good” (Ge 1:12). Men in their sin (Ro 5:12); however, take what was intended for good and use it for their own evil purposes (Ro 14:23).

The believer’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Co 6:19). He should treat his body with respect because he is made in God’s image (Ge 9:6). Man is made for God’s good pleasure and glory not his own (Is 43:7; Re 4:11). The Christian is not to act worldly (Mt 10:31, Eccl 7:29, 1 Jn 2:15).

Believers who are anxious or nervous should find their rest in the Lord (Mt 12:8) not chemical substances (Eph 5:18).

One does not go to heaven or hell for drinking alcohol or smoking cigarettes. One goes to heaven or hell based on a right relationship with Jesus (Mt 7:23).

Was it ok for Surgeon to enjoy a cigar or pipe? Sure. The believer is not under law. He is under grace. He is free--to obey (Heb 5:9). What is sin for one man might not be sin for another (Jas 4:17). The believer *should* be concerned with the effect of his behavior on others (1 Co 8:13). If he is not loving his neighbor (Mt 22:39).

These are not times to be controlled by chemical substances (1 Pe 4:7, 1 Co 10:12). The Christian has been freed from all of this.

Drunkards do not go to heaven:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites [(Ex 20:14) heterosexual (Lev. 20:10–12) or homosexual (Lev. 20:10,13)], nor thieves, nor covetous, *nor drunkards*, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such *were* some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (1 Co 6:8–11, emphasis mine).

The bible does not use words like: marijuana (Eph 5:18), bacteria (Nu 19:14-19), atom bomb (2 Pe 3:10) or Wikileaks (Lu 12:2-3) but we can understand underlying concepts to make right decisions about how to live. All that God promotes in his word leads to good and abundant living (Jn 10:10). All that Satan promotes leads to: theft, murder and destruction (Eccl 10:2, Jn 10:10).

The believer keeps his commandments (e.g. he does not become drunk [Eph 5:18], does not worship other gods [Ex 20:3], does not commit adultery [Ex 20:14], etc.). The apostle John wrote: Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments (1 Jn 2:3).

The make-believer and non-believer do not keep his commandments: Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God (2 Jn 9A).