

ONE STEP TO FREEDOM: STUDENT EDITION
CHAPTER 1: Planning For Victory

Lesson 2
IS ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?

If alcoholism is a disease:

1. It is the only disease that is contracted by an act of the will.
2. It is the only disease that requires a license to distribute or sell.
3. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold.
4. It is the only disease that produces revenue for the government.
5. It is the only disease that provokes crime.
6. It is the only disease that is habit-forming.
7. It is the only disease that is spread by advertising.
8. It is the only disease for which we can get arrested and incarcerated.
9. It is the only disease that brings death on the highways.
10. It is the only disease that requires an age limit to contract.
11. It is the only disease without germ or virus, and for which there is no corrective medicine.
12. It is the only disease that bars a patient from the kingdom of God (unless he repents).

Read and define 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

GOD CALLS IT SIN

The world labels drunkenness as a disease. God calls it sin. This is just one example of many other fallacies of the world. The abuse and long-term use of narcotics as a prescription, God calls sorcery, from the Greek word *pharmakeia* meaning witchcraft.

Some say that temper tantrums are just a part of your gene pool, but God calls it outbursts of anger. Couples who live together say it's love, God calls it sexual immorality. Video-gaming all day is fun. God calls it idolatry. The same could be said about other sins too.

“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins *like these*. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:19-21 NLT).