

TOBACCO “PLEASURE”: FROM GOD OR SATAN?

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- **CAN YOU ASK GOD FOR IT AS NOURISHMENT FOR YOUR BODY?** “Give us this day our daily bread” (Mat. 6:11).
- **CAN YOU THANK GOD FOR YOUR USE OF IT?** “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ♦ giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17).
- **IS THE INTENSE CRAVING FOR IT A NATURAL, GOD-GIVEN HUNGER?** “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit” (Rom. 8:5).
- **IS IT A HABIT THAT IS CLEAN, PURE, HARMLESS, AND INOFFENSIVE TO OTHERS?** “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are” (1 Cor. 3:17).
- **DOES IT TEND TO PUT YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BEST COMPANY, OR THE QUESTIONABLE COMPANY?** “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 The. 5:22).
- **DOES TOBACCO BELONG TO A HOLY PEOPLE, SEPARATED FROM THE SINS OF THE WORLD BY THE CROSS OF CHRIST?** “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Cor. 6:19).
- **CAN YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE, AND COUNT IT NO ONE ELSE’S BUSINESS?** “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). “None of us liveth to himself” (Rom. 14:7).
- **WOULD OUR LORD HAVE USED IT?** “For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” (Heb. 7:26).
- **DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?** “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31).
- **ARE YOU JUSTIFIED IN SPENDING YOUR MONEY ON TOBACCO?** “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness” (Isa. 55:2).
- **DO YOU REALIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF CAUSING OTHERS TO STUMBLE?** “But whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea” (Mat. 18:6).
- **DON’T YOU BELIEVE THAT CHRIST CAN HELP YOU BREAK THIS ENSLAVING HABIT?** “I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me” (Phi. 4:13).
- **WILL YOU VOW TO GOD THAT YOU WILL TURN FROM THIS SIN?** “When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow” (Ecc. 5:4).~

