

Of particular concern in a collegiate environment are those issues related to alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco. While the use of illegal drugs or the abuse of legal drugs is by definition illicit, and the use of tobacco in any form has been shown to be injurious to health, the situation regarding beverage alcohol is more complex. The Bible requires moderation in the use of alcohol, not necessarily abstinence. Yet the fact that alcohol is addictive to many, coupled with the biblical warnings against its dangers, also suggests the need for caution. The abuse of alcohol constitutes one of our society's greatest substance abuse problem, not to mention the fact that many Christians avoid it as a matter of conscience. Thus the question of alcohol consumption, for example, represents a prime opportunity for Christians to exercise their freedom responsibly, carefully, and in Christ-like love. The LeTourneau University community also encourages responsible freedom in matters of entertainment, including the places where members of the University community may seek it, such as television, movies, video, theater, concerts, dances, gaming and the internet. The University assumes its members will be guided in their choices by the wisdom of Scripture, such as: