## Damage from Drinking Alcohol

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- Alcohol depresses the brain because it has the effect of a narcotic drug.
- Alcohol depresses the conscience, making the cares, responsibilities, and problems become temporarily unimportant.
- Alcohol impairs one's judgment, causing many people to say and do things they never would otherwise.
- Alcohol destroys brain cells; and once destroyed, these can never be replaced.
- Alcohol stimulates overproduction of stomach acid.
- Alcohol irritates the lining of the stomach and may cause gastritis and often vomiting.
- Alcohol lowers one's resistance to infection.
- Alcohol inflames the pancreas.
- Alcohol has a diuretic effect on the kidneys.
- Alcohol causes fat to accumulate in the liver, as the liver stops burning its normal fuel (fat) in order to burn alcohol.
  Social Drinking & the Christian, by Don Humphrey, pages 24-26

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