

**Even The World Is Strict
On Some Morals**

I. Are Christians Free To Choose Any Recreation?

We Must Be Careful

- Ro.6:1-2, continue or stop?
- Ro.12:1-2, sacrifice or indulge?
- 1 Co.6:18, run away or stay?
- Ep.5:6, darkness or light?
- Ja.1:27, spotted or unspotted?

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II. Arguments To Support Smoking

The authority argument

- 'I know a doctor who smokes; he says it's all right.'
- Same one who supports drinking?
...marijuana? ...suicide?
- Chocolate is good for teeth (?)

The 'you too' argument

- 'I know a doctor who smokes.'
- 'Coffee, soft drinks, candy, tea, et al. are just as bad.'
 - ADMITS these and tobacco are bad.
 - We must be wise in everything.

'Moderation in all things'

The 'long life' argument

- 'I know a doctor who smokes.'
- 'Coffee, soft drinks, candy, tea, et al. are just as bad.'
- 'I know a smoker who died at 95.'
 - Also drinkers, drug users, those who dishonor parents, plane crash survivors...
 - Does long life prove practice right?
 - Really proves how much abuse the body can take.

Shift the blame argument

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- 'Coffee, soft drinks, candy, tea, et al. are just as bad.'
- 'I know a smoker who died at 95.'
- 'God made tobacco; it must be good.'
 - True
 - Also made dirt, marijuana, alcohol
 - Tobacco is good for killing things

Bible allows 'all things'

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- 'God made tobacco; it must be good.'
- 'Tit.1:15, to pure, all things...pure.'
 - Context: 14-15 = Mt.15; Ro.14:14
 - 1 Tim.4:4-5, food
 - Prov.31:4-9, medicine

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- 'I know a doctor who smokes.'
- 'Coffee is impure, but impure things are just as necessary as pure things.'
- 'I know a doctor who smokes, but impure men who make every pure thing impure.'
- 'God requires that we be pure, all things...pure.'
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It is not the impure thing that makes men impure, but impure men who make every pure thing impure.

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III. Applying Biblical Principles

1. Influence

Mt.5:16

People learn by eyes and ears,
Mt.13:14-15

People are always ready to find inconsistencies in Christians

People are always ready to use inconsistencies as an excuse

1. Influence
2. **Consider others**

Mt.7:12

Love works no ill, Ro.13:10

Many studies prove harmful effects
of second-hand smoke. Ph.2:4

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2. Smoker must consider others
3. **Smoking is addictive**

1 Co.6:12, not even expedients...

1 Co.9:24-27

- 'strike under the eye, give black eye to'
- (bruise, discipline, subdue) keep body under complete control . . . Lk.18:5

2 Pt.1:6, self-mastery, self-restraint, self-control, continence...

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4. **Smoking harms the health**

1 Co.6:19-20; Ac.16:28

Smoking contributes to 80% of lung cancer deaths in women, 90% in men. Chas. Cameron, M.D.: 'the heavy smoker pays with 34.6 minutes of life for each cigarette he smokes.'
'The pack a day smoker pays with 11.5 hours for each pack.'

Non smoker lungs VS Smoker lungs



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5. Stewardship

1 Co.4:2, faithful