

Where Does God Stand on the Issues?

I. **Abortion.** (Ex. 20:13, 21:22-25; Ps. 51:5, 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5)

A. Life begins at conception.

B. Murder is wrong, no matter the age.

II. **Marijuana.** ()

A. Proverbs 23:20-21, 25:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 9:25-27, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:15-18, Titus 2, 1 Peter 4:7

B. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Peter 2:5

C. Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 9:21, 18:23

Drug Use and the Occult

In the New Testament, the Greek word *pharmakeia* (from which we get our word "pharmacy," or drug store) is used for "the employment of drugs, for any purpose; sorcery, magic, enchantment."²⁴ In Revelation 9:21 for example, the relationship between the use of drugs ("magic potions") and accessing the demonic world is very clear (cf. Grant Osborn, *Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002, p. 387).

Drug abuse was seen in the ancient world as aiding the user to enter the presence of the demonic. Having lost control of his mind, the person on drugs could more easily be influenced by evil spirits. While to the modern eye this may appear curious, the relationship between substance abuse and demonism is evident in the New Testament and in many areas of the developing world today. (Family Research Council)

What does that mean to me?

Weekly memory verse: James 4:17

I must vote!

I need to vote based on God's standards, not man's!

I need to find the candidates that can best advance Biblical principles.

I need to be willing to stand for God's Word.

I should get involved in my community, etc.