

1 Peter 4:1-4

¹Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

²so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

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³For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

⁴In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;

1 Peter 4:1-4

- Excess of wine (gr. Oinophlugia – an overflow of wine; Drunkenness; Falling down drunk),
- Revellings (komos, gr. A nightly carousal; Half-drunken, revelry, drunken party);
- Banquetings (carousings) (gr. Potos – a drinking, not of necessity excessive; A drinking party; To sip);

NOTE: ALL THREE LEVELS OF USE ARE CONDEMNED.

DSM IV-TR

- Use
- Abuse
- Dependence

They are viewed as progressive

- Criteria:
 - Increased/decreased tolerance
 - Withdrawal symptoms
 - Inability to control or quit
 - Using more over longer time than intended
 - Continued use despite consequences
 - Pre-occupation
 - Blackouts

The Power of Addiction

- “Cunning, baffling, deceitful”
- It doesn’t care about YOUR plan... It has a plan of its own!
- A BIG WORD ABOUT PAIN.
- A Choice – “man takes drink, drink takes drink, drink takes man.”
- Drink to oblivion – to forget and be forgotten.

First Use

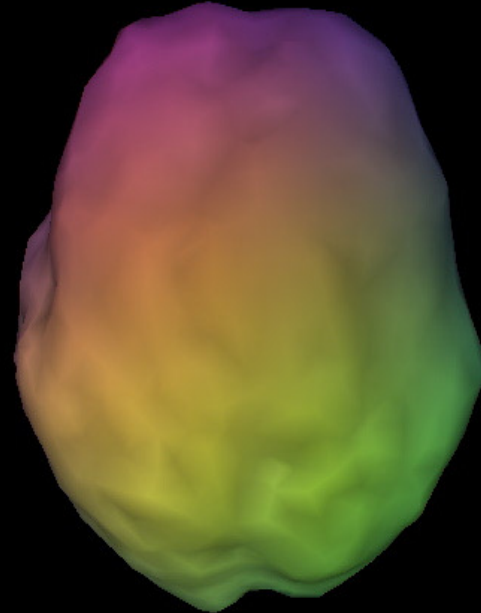
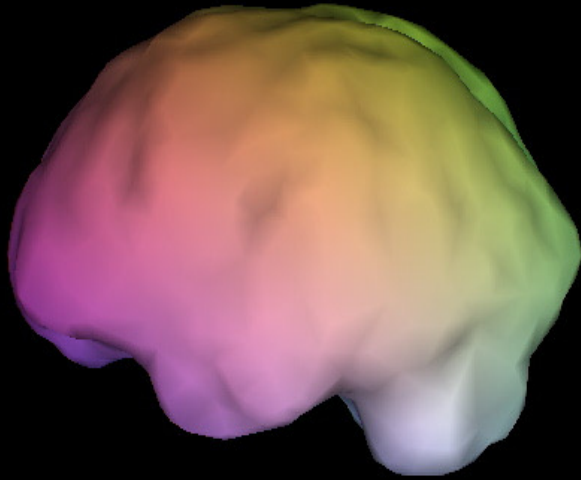
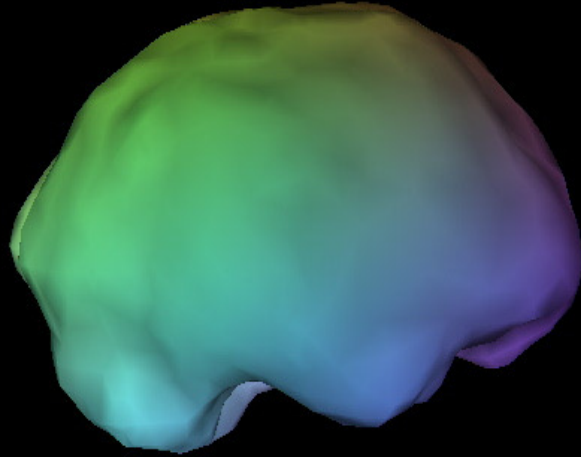
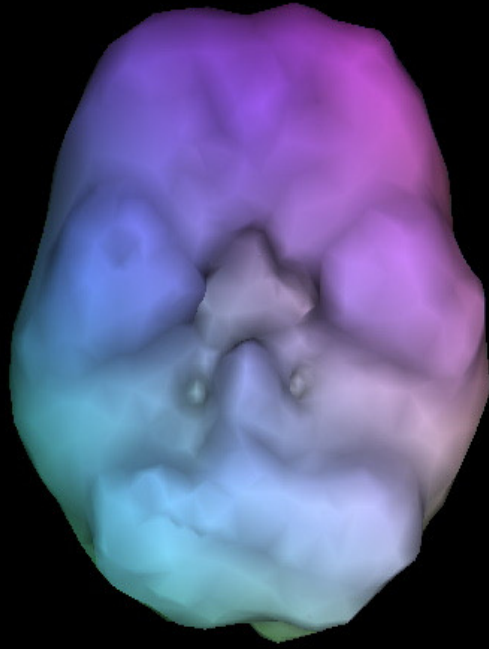
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1. Ride it out
2. Increase the dosage
3. Add a stronger substance

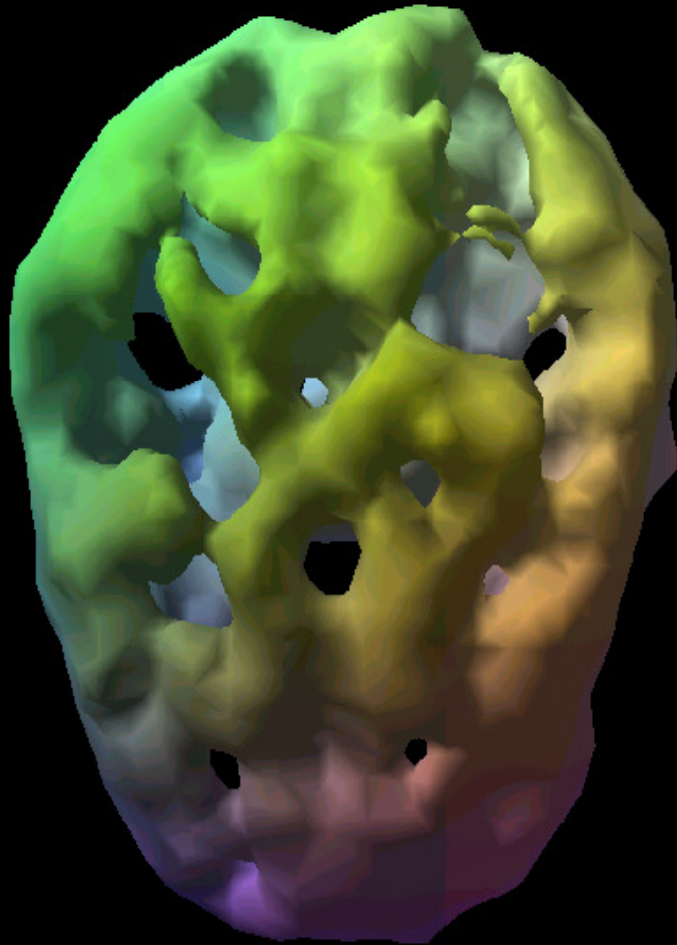
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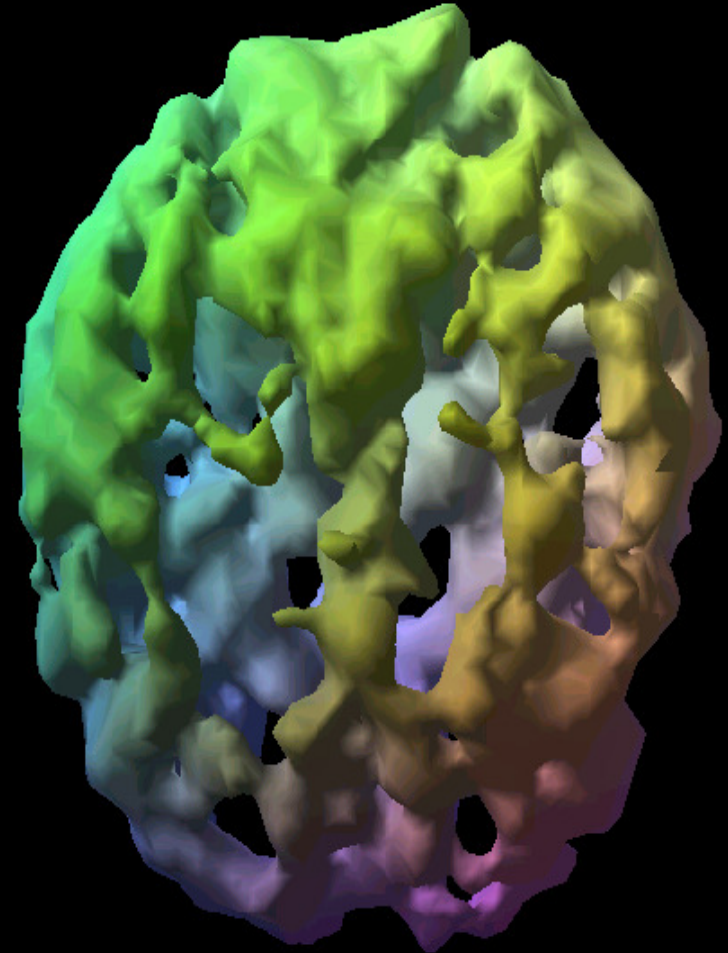
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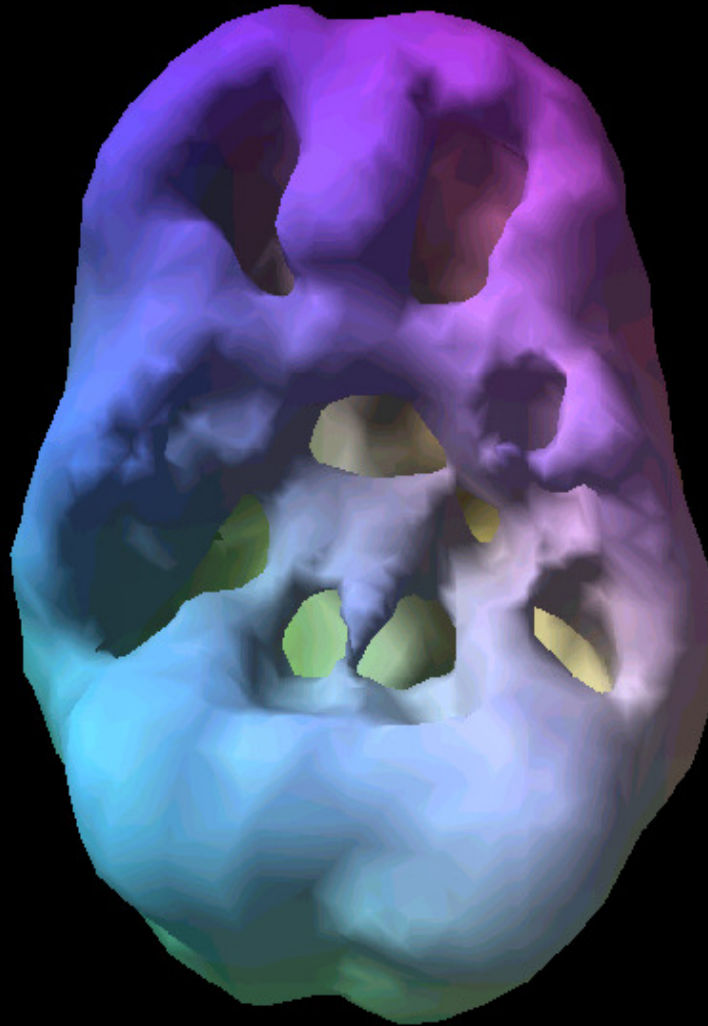
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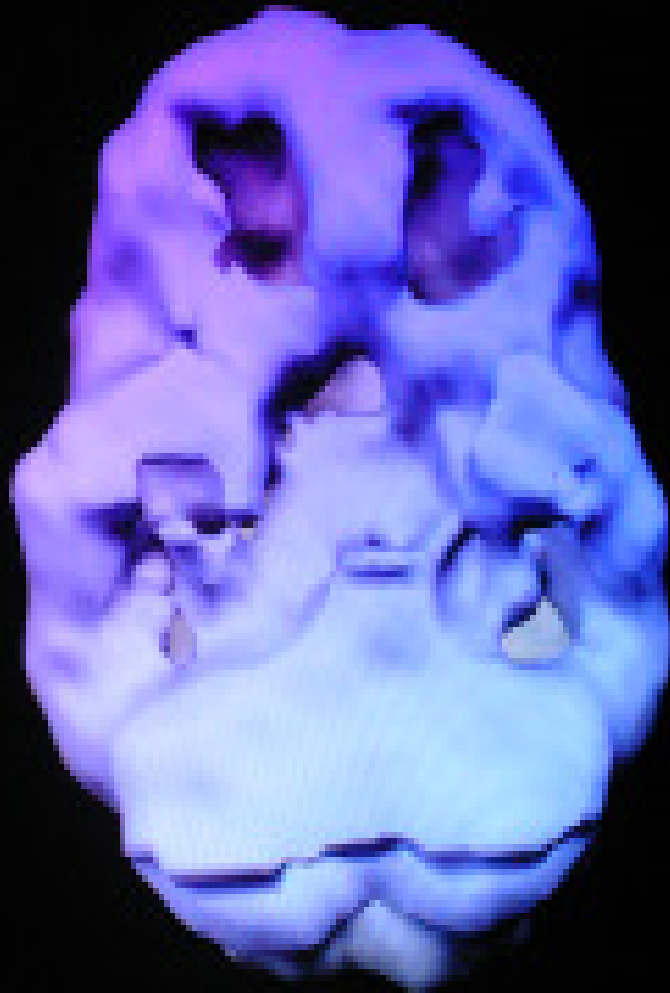
Heroin



Marijuana



Cocaine/Alcohol -- before/after



God's Word is Sufficient

- “Make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.” (*Rom. 13:14*)
- “By their fruits ye shall know them.” (*Matt. 7:16*)
- “Be not among winebibbers.” (*Prov. 23:20*)
- “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a rage and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” (*Prov. 20:1*)

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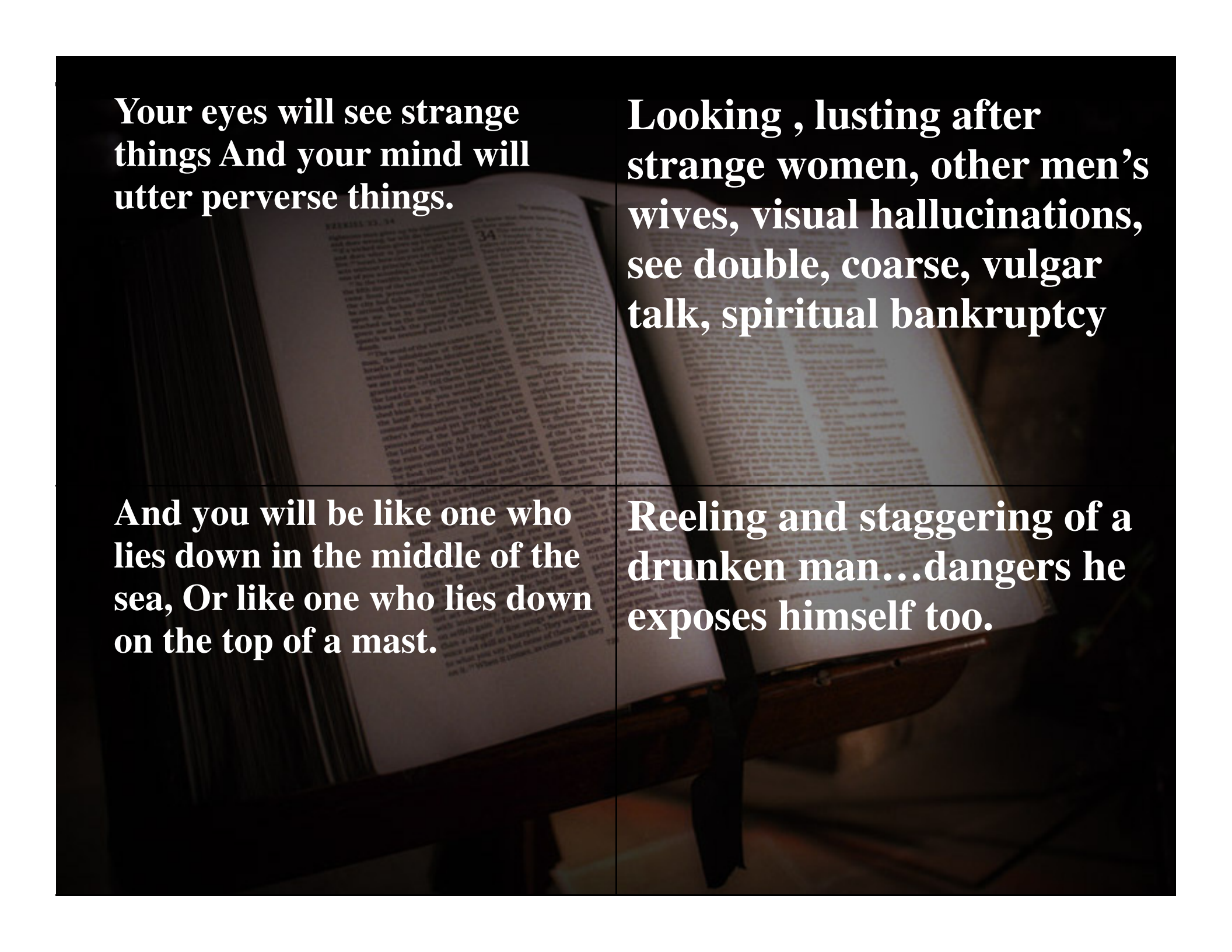
29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions?
who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who
hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine;
they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the
wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the
cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth
like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes
shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter
perverse things. 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down
in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a
mast. 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was
not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall
I awake? I will seek it yet again.” (Prov. 23:29-35)

**PRO 23:29 Who has woe?
Who has sorrow? Who has
contentions? Who has
complaining? Who has
wounds without cause? Who
has redness of eyes?**

**Those who linger long over
wine , Those who go to taste
mixed wine.**

Sorrow=
exclamation of pain or
uneasiness- contentions=
Conflict, strife
Complaining= anxiety,
babbling
Redness=dullness

**Spending time...graduating
to mixed drinks!**

An open book is shown from a high angle, with its pages slightly curved. The text is overlaid on the book in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The background is dark, making the white text stand out. The book's pages are filled with small, illegible text, suggesting it is a Bible or a similar religious text.

**Your eyes will see strange things
And your mind will utter perverse things.**

Looking , lusting after strange women, other men's wives, visual hallucinations, see double, coarse, vulgar talk, spiritual bankruptcy

**And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a mast.**

Reeling and staggering of a drunken man...dangers he exposes himself too.

"They struck me, but I did not become ill; They beat me, but I did not know it

Beaten and struck down...so numbed and anesthetized did not feel it! Beaten and did not know it! Black out!

When shall I awake ? I will seek another drink."

End stages of alcoholism obsessed to the point begin drinking in the morning.

God's Word is Sufficient

- “Do not drink wine or strong drink lest ye die...that ye put a difference between the holy and the unholy and the clean and the unclean.”
(Lev. 10:9-10)
- “What-know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which ye have of God and you are NOT YOUR OWN? FOR WE ARE BOUGHT AS A PRICE: THEREFORE GORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT WHICH ARE GOD'S.” *(1 Cor. 6:14ff)*

God's Word is Sufficient

- “Be not deceived, evil companions corrupts good morals.” (1 Cor. 15:33)
- *“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day. NOT IN RIOTING, and DRUNKENNESS, NOT IN CHAMBERING and WANTONNESS, NOT IN STRIKE AND ENVYING. But put ye on the LORD JESUS, and make NO PROVISION for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.” (Rom. 13:12-14)*
- *Galatians 5:19ff*

What is our response...

- *Individual Role*
- *“Dry Drunk” behaviors*
- *Safe plan for slippery slopes*
- *EDIFY THEM!!!*
- *Bear each others’ burdens*

Family Healing

- *The healthiest looking can often be the sickest*
- *1 in 4 children live in a home where Alcohol is used daily.*
- *These children are at greater risk for*
 - *Mental illnesses*
 - *Depression*
 - *Anxiety*
 - *Mood disorders*
 - *Health problems*
 - *Learning difficulties*

Family Healing

- *Distortion of family values*
 - *Lack of trust*
 - *secrets*
- *Distorted family roles*
 - *Enabler*
 - *Lost child*
 - *Super hero*
 - *Mascot*
 - *Rebel*
- *ACTION: Titus 2:4*
- *Dysfunctions will bleed into church life*
- *Habilitation vs. Rehabilitation*

Church's Role

- *Availability of caring brothers and sisters*
- *James 5:16*
- *Luke 7:36-49*
- *Elders*
- *Confrontation vs. Compassion*

Conclusion

- *We live IN the world, but are not OF the world.*
- *The church was designed to an oasis for troubled souls, to lay burdens at the cross, to be a place of forgiveness, healing, and redemption.*
- ***BOTTOM LINE: THE CHURCH HAS TO PULL HARDER THAN THE WORLD!***