

offhand judgment I would say this - that in those days the water supply was not particularly good. Everybody I think drank a certain amount of wine in those days. I'm not sure but that's my impression and as I've said before - light wines I don't see anything wrong. There's certainly nothing morally wrong in drinking light wines. But there is something terribly wrong in drunkenness. And in our civilization that we have today with our fast transportation, the terrible dangers that even an unrecognized

(12.5) can bring, and also with the heavy distilled liquors which are available which weren't then, which means that once a man finds that he has a terrible alcoholic appetite, there's nothing to restrain him from going on to the very Under the circumstances today I think we are doing a right service to the weaker brother in abstaining from wine altogether. I don't think the Scripture commands the abstaining from wine altogether but I think we are doing a reasonable part as Christians in doing so today. Now in those days probably everybody drank some wine. Paul commands Timothy, "Drink no longer water but take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thy feeble infirmities." And I think what he means by that is that Timothy should take care of his body. Last night I went to bed and I was kind of stirred up about some things I'd been thinking about during the day and I hadn't had as much exercise in the last three or four days as I usually try to get and I got into bed and I lay there - well I usually fall asleep in ten minutes - and I lay there for about 20 and I wasn't asleep and I said, "Well now I've got a heavy day tomorrow and I don't think it's especially good to just lie here an hour or two. I got up and I got a sleeping pill and I took it and I went right to sleep and I slept nine hours which I needed for the lack I had last week or I wouldn't have slept that long - nine hours of good solid sleep. Well, there are some people who wouldn't do such a thing. Now to take sleeping pills every night, to take a lot of them, I think is dangerous, something is wrong. But I think we are wise to utilize what God has made available, which is harmless, in order to try to live an efficient life and to accomplish the utmost for His service. And I think Paul is saying to Timothy - they didn't have the medicines we have today - with light wine is certainly healthy for sleeping. Luther's been accused of drunkenness - it's actually false - but