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**Thursday, July 24, 1997**

**Subject:** Drug abuse

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** Do you know of any Bible tips on drug abuse? --Hendrick T.

**Dear Hendrick:** Here are some suggestions. 1.) Drug use is a sin. The word "sorcery" in Galatians 5:20 is the Greek word from which we derive the English word "pharmacies." Sorcery is something that comes from the old nature (v. 19) and is sinful. Don't let anyone deceive himself into thinking drug abuse is not sinful. (Of course, medicines legitimately prescribed are permitted.) 2.) Using any drug that is illegal is also sinful, simply because a Christian is obligated to obey the law of the country in which he or she lives (Rom. 13:1-5). 3.) Anything that becomes an addictive habit is also wrong (1 Cor. 6:12). 4.) Christlikeness is the goal of Christian living. Will drugs promote Christlikeness?

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