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Application Questions:

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2. This passage describes the first use of alcohol in the Bible. Note a few positive & negative passages concerning alcohol: Ps 104: 14-15, Prov 20:1, 23:29-35, Eph 5:18, Gal 5:19. How did Noah sin? Is it a sin to use alcohol to "wind down" after a long day? (See 1 Cor 6:12) Is it ever a sin to drink alcohol if it might cause someone else to stumble? (See 1 Cor 8:9-13)
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4. Have you considered how your life decisions will affect your children and their children....? Look at Ex 20:5-6, 34:6-7, Num 14:18. What is this "curse" that Noah put on his son Ham's children (Canaan)? Was this a curse or more of a prophecy concerning the implications of Ham's life decisions, true heart & character? What do you need to change right now to develop a future godly generation?
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