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Wine is sharp, warm, and gives joy. So, with the coming of grace, it pricks the heart to penitence, Psal. [59:5]: “You have made us drink wine of sorrow.”

¶ It warms through charity, Psal. [38:4]: “My heart grew hot within me.”

¶ It exults through the joy of a right deed, Psal. [103:15]: “Wine may cheer the heart of man.” For as in the misdeed conscience gnaws, so in the good deed joy is generated. Wherefore Augustine, in *Enchiridion*,[[1]](#endnote-1) it is true liberty on account of the joy of something done right, so also it is pious service on account of obedience of the precept.

¶ Good wine is corrupted by the impurity of the container, the atmospheric condition of the air, the shock of breaking, the mixture of the fluid. Therefore, Christ served wine prudently with the cleanness of the container, Tob. 3[:16]: “I have kept my soul clean.”

In the second, diligently for the quality of the air by teaching, Prov. 22[:17]: “Apply your heart to my doctrine,” which will be.

¶ Third, quietness from the concussion of sound or disturbance according to the teaching, Eccli. 10[:31]: “My son, keep your soul in meekness.”

Fourth, discrete from the admixture of evil or extraneous matters, Eccli. 37[:9]: “Beware of an evil counsellor.” And James [2:10]: “Whosoever shall offend in one point, is become guilty of all.”

¶ For this that wine is good is required that it is becoming in color,

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fresh in taste, breathing with fragrance, and helping with vigor. Concerning the first, Prov. 23[:31]: “Look not upon the wine when it shines in the glass.”

Concerning the second, Can. 1[:1, 3]: “Your breasts are better than wine, we will run to the odor.”

¶ Concerning the third, Num. 28[:14]: “Libations of wine are to be poured out for every victim.”

Concerning the fourth, [1] Esdras 3[:10]: “Wine is strong.” And Eccli. 31[:35]: “Wine was created from the beginning to make men joyful, and not to make them drunk.” Psal. [103:15]: “Wine may cheer the heart of man.”

1. Augustine, *Enchiridion* 30 (PL 40:247): Ipsa est vera libertas propter recti facti laetitiam, simul et pia servitus propter praecepti obedientiam. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)