

Gay Rights...Or Wrongs?

Introduction: The prevalence of homosexuality today. It is not "in the closet" anymore. Just a few years ago you could grow up your entire childhood knowing little or nothing about this perverted act. But sadly, not anymore.

- * It is in religion (Catholic priest scandal is mainly male priests with boys - a homosexuality problem and not solely pedophilia; many denominations are adopting tolerant positions in their statements of belief and practice and most are at least considering it in their conferences)
- * It is in school (sex-ed classes include it now; recruitment taking place)
- * It is in entertainment (Disneyworld's Gay pride day, Rosie O'Donnell, Ellen DeGeneres, included in many TV shows like, "Will and Grace")
- * It is in sports (recent flap about player possibly "outing" NY Mets baseball player)
- * It is in news (Nightline's entire week devoted to topic)
- * It is in the home or family circle ("gay" marriage and adoptions laws)
- * It is "politically incorrect" to speak against it. To do so is to risk being labeled a bigot, narrow minded, "homophobic", etc.

Definition: Sexual relations between two of the same sex.

The Word Of God:

- * *You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. (Leviticus 18:22)*
- * *If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them. (Leviticus 20:13)*
- * *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6:9-10).*
- * Other Passages: 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Genesis 19:1-11 (Jude 5-7); Romans 1:24-29, 31, 32

Questions:

1. Isn't homosexuality a "sickness", a genetic predisposition, a product of a wrecked home life? Answer: Though these may EXPLAIN, they do not EXCUSE - It is said to be **unnatural** - Rom. 1:26-27
2. What if they cannot help it? Answer: Some of the Corinthian Christians had once been guilty of this sin - I Corinthians 6:9-11. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit of God ruling in one's life and controlling desires and lusts is therefore possible. No other sin is justified because there is difficulty overcoming the desires. Fornication, adultery, lying, murder, covetousness, etc. all can be temptations, but ones that can be resisted.
3. Isn't what two consenting adults do a matter of privacy? Answer: Yes, but still wrong. Consenting, conspiring or being an accomplice changes nothing from wrong to right.

My Attitude: God loves homosexuals -- so must I! God hates homosexual conduct -- so must I!

Some Warnings:

- A) **It Can Be Addictive** - The misguided passions develop urges that are difficult to suppress later.
- B) **It is more likely to produce disease and shorten the lifespan...**

Morbidity, Mortality and Morality: The Social Impact of Homosexuality

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A striking but little-discussed aspect of homosexual activity today is its associated reduction in behavioral control. We all have forbidden sexual drives that we restrain, but for those engaging in homosexual behavior, that restraint seems much reduced.

One result has been blatant promiscuity among homosexuals. A 1978 study reported that 75 percent of male homosexuals had been with 100 or more partners; 28 percent, the largest subcategory, reported more than 1,000 partners; 79 percent said more than half their partners were strangers; and 79 percent said more than half their partners were men with whom they had sex only once.

Another survey 16 years later found that while 67.6 percent of men and 75.5 percent of women had only one sex partner in the previous year, only 2.6 percent of men and 1.2 percent of women engaging in same-sex relationships had thus limited themselves. Supporters of homosexuality, and advocates of gay marriage, rarely acknowledge the many partners gays have - including those living together as couples.

*The medical dangers of homosexuality are also underemphasized. Its devotees show much higher rates of sexually transmitted disease, substance abuse, and mental illness. While they comprise only about 2 percent of the population, homosexuals represented 21 percent of hepatitis B cases in 1988, and 44 percent of new human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) cases between 2000 and 2003. They contract syphilis at a rate three to four times higher than non-homosexuals. **(Editor's Note:** Left out is a description of the type intercourse and a warning of the subsequent diseases. It is unclean.)*

Homosexuality is also associated with higher mortality. A major Canadian medical center found the life expectancy at age 20 years for gay and bisexual men was 8 to 20 years less than that for all men. -- END

November 11, 2005 - The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a warning about an alarming increase in the spread of syphilis nationwide and attributes most of the growth to gay sexual activities. Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, acting director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention says both syphilis and gonorrhea are both "a significant and ongoing threat to millions of Americans." The cost to the health care system is \$13 billion a year.

Between 2000 and 2004, the rate of syphilis infection rose by 29% to a total of 7,980 cases, with most involving gay males. Sixty-four percent of the syphilis cases involved gays, compared to 5% in 1999. The use of crystal meth by gays is helping fuel the epidemic of syphilis nationwide. In addition, there is evidence that antibiotic resistance among gay males is 23.8%, eight times the rate for heterosexual males.

C) Do not be passive in resisting - Ephesians 5:11-14 (There are many homosexual activists, so we must oppose them; they are not content on freedom to practice their sin, but want acceptance. The first is already granted, the latter must never be)

D) Teach children early - It is a secret that many homosexuals do not want exposed, but children are a target. The Boy Scouts are blasted for refusing to allow homosexual leaders. Efforts are being made to lower consent age of minors. NAMBLA is the North America Man Boy Love Association.

E) Proper role model in the home is important - Many psychologists believe this is a big part of it. The exposure to stable male and female roles in the home.

Conclusion: The Bible CONDEMNS homosexuality! Homosexual sin can be repented of, ceased and forgiven.