

## "THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM"

**TEXT:** Lev.20:13; Rom.1:24-28

**THESIS:** To show the biblical & realistic picture of the so-called "gay lifestyle" & how to prevent children from becoming homosexual.

**INTRO.:** A. Because fundamental churches are compassionate, loving & forgiving they often attract & become the havens for people who are different, are struggling with severe emotional, physical & spiritual problems. This is as it should be. It shocks some to find out that we have people in our church struggling with their sexual identity (I don't like the term & have the solution: get undressed & stand in front of a mirror!). Our response might be shock, horror or revulsion, *but it should be love, compassion & a desire to help*. I want to try to help.

B. In America we now have gays in our living room in prime time on TV, Disney promotes "Gay Days" the first week of June each year w/over 60,000 in attendance this year; there are gay bars, social clubs, activities, night clubs, barbers, tailors, restaurants, apartments, newspapers, magazines & newspapers, movies, homosexual prostitutes, etc.

**ILLUS.:** Not all gays fit the stereotype of the openly wicked, vile, cross-dressing, effeminate (for men) or "butch" (for women) image. Many are in respectable positions in any field you can name & are married w/families, but practicing sodomy.

C. The word "gay" in Webster's 1828 Dictionary was defined as "*joyous, merry, happy, lighthearted.*" In the modern Dictionary the meaning is stated as similar, but now includes "*wanton, licentious...homosexual.*" One thing is certain, that **there is nothing gay with the homosexual way!** If you use the old definition.

**NOTE:** Today the LGBTQ\* label includes all manner of sexual persons, identities and activities. (\*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer – USA TODAY)

### I. HERE ARE THE FACTS:

#### A. Statistics:

1. 50% of suicides & homicides in large cities can be attributed to homosexuals.
2. Nearly every serial killer on record has been homosexual.
3. Half of the cases of syphilis in large cities can be traced to sodomites.
4. The vicious & deadly AIDS virus was spawned & is spread by homosexuals.
5. The life expectancy for gay males is 45 (!), while the average American straight male lives past 75!

**QUOTE:** Dr. Daniel Cappon, psychiatrist said that "*homosexuality by definition is not healthy or wholesome...the homosexual person, at best, will be unhappier & more unfulfilled than the sexually normal person. There are emotional & physical consequences to this protracted state of mental dissatisfaction. At worst, the homosexual person will die younger & suffer emotional, mental, & physical illness more often than the average person. The natural history of the homosexual person seems to be one of frigidity, impotence, broken personal relationships, psychosomatic disorders, alcoholism, paranoid psychosis & suicide...*"

#### B. Signs to Watch For:

1. Beware the 'loner' child syndrome; insist that your children mix w/others.
2. Encourage distinctly male & female roles, activities & interests. (No dolls for boys and no guns for girls)
3. Teach & encourage gender traits, mannerisms & lifestyles to children.

**ILLUS.:** The world of the arts, music, entertainment & fashion industry are disproportionately populated w/homosexuals. Be wise & beware!

4. Encourage group activities, sports, etc. rather than games, etc. designed for one.

### II. HERE IS WHAT GOD SAYS:

**Lev.20:13** *If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

**Rom.1:24-28** *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving*

*the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*

**Lev.18:22** *Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.*

**ILLUS.:** When Israel was on the march in the wilderness, they were to be protected from the adulterers, fornicators, idolaters, prostitutes, lepers, & sodomites! God wants His people separate from sin & sinners!!!

- A. God Love Everyone: (Regardless of their sin)
- B. Christ Died for Everyone: (Because of their sin)
  - 1. It is true that no one knows when someone "crosses the line" & "**God gives them up,**" it is specifically stated in Script. That the sodomites are in this class.
  - 2. This doesn't apply to all homos, all the time; it is for those totally committed to this lifestyle.

**ILLUS.:** In NYC the Homosexuality League polled 400 homos & asked them, "If you could, would you want to be cured?" 96% answered "No!"

In witnessing to one homosexual, dying w/AIDS, I asked if he wanted to get saved, he said that he would like to go to heaven, but he knew that if a cure could be found for his disease, he would go right back to the homosexual lifestyle! In my opinion, God had given him up to a reprobate mind.

### **III. HERE IS THE TRAGIC PICTURE IN AMERICA:**

- A. "Christian" Denominations Are Recognizing Homosexuality: p.9 AFA Journal
- B. TV Promotes Homosexuality by Prime Time Programming & Homosexual Characters (IBID. p.2 & p.12-14)
- C. Cities & States Extend Benefits to Same Sex Partners
- D. The President Appoints Homos to Top Executive Posts
- F. Disney Employs Up To 1/3 Homosexuals & Promotes "Gay Days" & Homosexual Oriented Films...
- G. Public Schools Teach Homosexuality as an Alternative Lifestyle

### **IV. HERE IS PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE FOR PARENTS:**

- A. Avoid Unisex Clothing, Hairstyles, Toys & Activities for Children!
- B. Define Masculine & Feminine Roles for Boys & Girls:
  - 1. Avoid babying boys, let them learn hardship.
  - 2. Don't use masculine names for girls or feminine names for boys.
  - 3. Don't use cute nicknames for boys or touch them too much.

**ILLUS.:** As they grow up be especially conscious of this. Dads need to limit physical contact & moms don't need to be constantly kissing their sons when they take out the trash or go to play ball w/the boys. Don't raise a "sissy" boy!

- C. Provide Positive Role Models:
  - 1. Boys should be around real men.
  - 2. Girls should be encouraged to spend time w/ladies.
  - 3. Dads should spend time w/their sons doing manly things.
  - 4. Moms should teach their girls feminine traits & how to be ladylike.
  - 5. Children should be taught responsibility through appropriate chores.
- D. Side with Authority:

1. Nothing will make "sissy" boys & whining girls like moms & dads who always complain about the decisions of authority figures' decisions, etc.
2. Sometimes authority will be wrong, but never openly disagree w/them; find out the facts, don't take your children's word.
3. Teach respect for authority by word, example & support!

E. Applaud Character, Not Talent!

#### V. HERE IS GOD'S CURE FOR SODOMY:

- A. Accept the Bible as **The Authority** (the Bible calls sodomy sin!)
- B. Accept Christ As Savior (this includes repentance!)
- C. Change Your Lifestyle: (including friends, occupation, interests, etc., if necessary)

**CONCL.:** "THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM!" Sodomy isn't an alternative lifestyle according to God. Gays are not gay (happy) people! The world & God are not friends! Men's laws & actions are often out of harmony with God's! Christians need discernment in these dark days!

**God's appeal to ALL sinners ("all have sinned" - YOU, ME, and everyone else) is to trust Christ as Savior from sin by admitting your sinnership, repenting of your sin and turning to Christ as all sufficient Savior Who alone paid the price for all sinners with His sinless blood on the cross and subsequent resurrection. He extends an invitation to YOU to get saved (biblically, i.e., no good works or religious "sacraments" etc.) trusting what He did in your place and in your behalf.**