



... Heart to Heart ...

Stand firm in the Lord! Hold closely to His heart by holding to His word. Today, we are hearing daily of news about “gay marriages” whether they are acceptable or unacceptable. We read news articles where people claiming they are believers in God, stating that God is a God of love, not hate and He loves the homosexual. It’s true; God is a lover of people, but His love demands righteousness, calling man to repentance in responding to the death of His Son. God’s love cost Him His only Son and for man to refuse to repent and conform to His ways is to spurn the love of God. It makes a mockery out of the death of Jesus.

Jude tells us the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were “*exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire*” because they practiced homosexuality (Jude 7). The preacher Timothy was instructed to use the Law in the right way, “*realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching.*” (I Tim. 1:9-10) “Gay lifestyles” are against the very nature of God. The Corinthian brethren were taught: “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.” (I Cor. 6:9-10) Look at the list mentioned in dealing with sexual misconduct. Homosexuality is against God and God condemned! Thieves are listed as the same, along with drunkards and revilers.

Don’t allow the world to replace God’s word and His righteousness. Parents, teach your children it’s not right and there is no such thing as an “alternative lifestyle.” It’s a God condemned lifestyle! There is always hope for the homosexual through the death of Jesus, just as there is hope for anyone lost in their sins. God’s judgment stands and His love still reaches out, but He will not allow anything or anyone unrighteous to change His standard. “You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you aren’t carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness.” (II Pet. 3:17) Think about it!!!

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