

Moral Guidelines (6)

Galatians 5:19-21

Intro—I **Corinthians 6:20** “For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify** God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Glorify—Gr—to render or esteem glorious/
Hold in high regard/ God honoring/pleasing

Body/ not an instrument of sin./ Someone else’s
body as an instrument of sin. Ex. Mingione/

Some of these sins committed are committed
with the body, mind, in word/ classified gross.

Our bodies, minds, words—instruments of
righteousness/ holiness/ goodness.

I. Revelries, revellings

In the context: Gr--(carousal, carousing). Rowdy
and Crude behavior. Probably referring to the
orgies that so often characterized the pagan
worship ceremonies that many of the Gentile
converts of Galatia had once participated
in/characterized in later times by wild dancing,
singing, and drinking.

Orgy— Uncontrolled over indulgence of the
flesh. Felt it enhanced their worship—today
just because. I owe it to myself.

Hedonism—Feeding the flesh is the most
important thing in life. Devotion to [excess]
pleasure. Obsessed with gratifying the flesh.

What would be an example of this type of
behavior?

What would it look like today in the life of a
teenager or college student?

Two examples:

A) Going to a wild party and getting so drunk or
stoned that you wake up the next morning not
remembering anything.

B) Clubbing/ Prom night/ School Dances.

(Key Point) Your body is for God’s use, not your
abuse.

Story: Guest speaker spoke at a high school home
eq. class and she was speaking on the quality of
roses.

As an object lesson she brought with her 12 long
stem red roses, and took one out of the box and had
the girls pass it around to get familiar with it and to
feel it.

When they were done she took the rose and put back
in her box.

At the end of her lecture, she wanted each of the girls
to have a rose to take home. Exactly 12.

They passed the box around and when it got to the
last girl, you know which one was left?

The one that had been handled, touched, and used.

II. “And the Like” vs 21

Etc. anything similar to these behaviors
mentioned. “Those who **practice** such things
will not inherit the kingdom of God.”—**Strong**

Committed at least one of these.

If these works of the flesh characterize your life
(continually) then I believe that gives evidence
that you are lost.

I Corinthians 6:9, 10 “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 homosexuals,
nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor

drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Revilers—mischief, abusive.

A. Homosexuality.

Mindset of Corinth & Galatia.—Anything goes.

a) What is your generation saying?

About 50% of your generation say that opposition to gay rights and lifestyles is evidence of being “close-minded.”

44% say that gay couples should be allowed to get married. 38% allowed to adopt and raise children.

Movement in our nation by GLBT organizations and supporters that promote a culture of equality. Regardless of a person’s sexual orientation they should be considered equal and given the same rights and protection.

Homosexuality, bisexuality and heterosexuality are recognized as unchosen, natural, normal, and fixed. Born that way.

b) What do the experts say?

William Byne, a psychiatrist with a doctorate in biology, and Bruce Parsons (1993) carefully analyzed all the major biological studies of homosexuality. They **found none** that definitively supported a biological theory of causation.—Not an inherited behavior.

Psychiatrists Friedman and Downey reported that, “Despite recent neurobiological findings suggesting homosexuality is genetically-biologically determined, **credible evidence is lacking for a biological model of homosexuality.**”

Sociologist Steven Goldberg, Ph.D.: Studies which attempt to disprove the existence of the classic family pattern in homosexuality are **“convincing only to those with a need to believe.”**

Psychiatrist Jeffrey Satinover, M.D.: There is **no** evidence that shows that homosexuality is genetic—**and none of the research itself claims there is.** Only the press and certain researchers do, when speaking in sound bites to the public.”

www.narthcom/docs/bornway.html

c) What does God’s word say?—Final Authority

“Paul was pointing out that God created sex when He made the first man and woman, and therefore He has the right to tell us how to use it.”

Every time homosexuality is mentioned in the bible, it is condemned.

“Two ways one can neutralize the biblical witness against homosexual behavior: by gross misinterpretation or by moving away from a high view of Scripture.”—Herbert J. Miles

Leviticus 18:22 “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an **abomination.**”

d) The consequences of homosexuality.

1. Elimination of the human race.

Genesis 1:27 “male and female He created them. 28 The God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.”

2. Elimination of proper human relationships.

1a. Maritally speaking

Genesis 2:24 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Homosexuality does not produce the spiritual and bodily union that Scripture teaches.

2a. Socially speaking.

Homosexuality leads to isolation, depression, and disease.

Homosexuals by large are unhappy people.

Homosexuals represent just 1-2% of American society, but have 50% of syphilis cases and 60% of AIDS cases./ Abundant life John 10:10

e) The cure for homosexuality.

Jesus Christ!!!!

Homosexuality is not unpardonable.

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;”

What do you do if you have a friend or relative trapped in homosexuality:

- a) Pray for them—Conviction of the Holy Spirit—John 16:8
- b) Disassociate yourself from them stand and your ground in love.

I Corinthians 5:9-11 “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people...10..Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world....11...but now I write to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral...not even to eat with such a person.”

- c) Urge repentance and be willing to receive them once they have repented.

Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such

a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

Closing story: Erica and Paul’s friend