



WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID



**Is it possible anymore to be
a relevant voice on the
subject of LGBTQ issues?**



THE CHALLENGE

Our culture's attitude and approach to sex has left us seeming outdated and irrelevant. Whether it is the prevalence of unmarried couples having sex, the overwhelming acceptance of homosexuality, or the rise of the "post-gender" society, we seem to be preaching a message that is, at best, falling on deaf ears — and at worst, seen as hate speech.



ARE WE THE ONLY ONES NOT TALKING ABOUT THIS?

My frustration comes from the feeling that everybody else is saying what they want on the subject, but nobody is representing the truth. Not those who indulge in the flesh (Eph. 2:3, Rom. 8:12-13). And certainly not those who misrepresent Christianity in a hateful, ugly way (2 Tim. 2:22ff).

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SO, WHY IS THIS THE CASE?

- **Partly, it is because we have allowed other people to do our talking for us. It is easier to let the street preachers, politicians, and social commentators talk about LGBT issues and just parrot them on social media or keep silent around others who we know disagree.**
- **Matthew 10:16 requires us to act shrewdly, but with all innocence. Speak when something needs to be said, but be so far above reproach in your character that it is the message people have a problem with, not the messenger (Acts 6:8ff, 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15).**



DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED



ACTING ON IMPULSE

- Romans 1:26-28, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Nobody is necessarily condemned for inherent desire. It is how we act upon our impulses that really define us. Perhaps those mentioned in 1 Cor. 6:9 did not suddenly stop innate desire, but they certainly stopped acting upon whatever impulse drove them to commit that sin. Note the definition of “sensuality” or “licentiousness”, a word used in Galatians 5:19 & Ephesians 4:19.

TRUTH CANNOT BE COMPROMISED

- God has consistently, plainly condemned homosexuality in every covenantal age. The same is true of fornication, adultery, and sensuality (which would include lewdness, public sexual expression, cross-dressing, etc., see Galatians 5:17ff). Sexual sins pollute the body and soul (1 Cor. 6:15-18), and the rule for all mankind, for all time, is one man and one woman who marry for life.
- If one cannot accept these terms, then one is not eligible to be married and partake of the sexual union (Matt. 19:4-6, 10-11, Rom. 1:24-27, 1 Cor. 7:1-5). Remember Hebrews 13:4.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **You don't have to understand everything to be kind.**
- **Be careful about assumptions.**
- **Focus on helping people change their behavior.**
- **Explain the positive benefits of a life devoted to God.**
- **Let your light shine in a way that you stand out.**