

Answers!

Lesson #14

Question #27: **What is the Christian answer to homosexuality?**

Answer: **It is fornication.**

Key verse:

Jude 1:7, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Explanation:

What is fornication? Any type of sexual activity outside of the Biblical definition of marriage: one man and one woman for one lifetime. "Fornication" is a very broad word whose interpretation would include:

- Adultery - Rape - Incest - Premarital Sex - Polygamy
- Homosexuality (gay or lesbian, see **Romans 1:26,27**) - Bestiality
- Bi-sexuality - Living together outside of marriage - Pedophilia

Jesus used the word in the plural when speaking against it, and said it defiles a man.

Mark 7:21-23, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, **fornications**, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

We are commanded to abstain from fornication. **I Thessalonians 4:3**, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:" (See also **Acts 15:20, 29; Ephesians 5:3 ; Colossians 3:5**)

Our Answer needs to stay simple: "We believe all forms of fornication are wrong."

Further Notes:

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Question #28: **Is the way a person was born an excuse for their behavior?**

Answer: **No, God commands all men everywhere to repent.**

Key verse:

Acts 17:30-31, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **but now commandeth all men every where to repent**: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

Explanation:

A person's natural inclination does not justify that behavior. If the behavior is wrong, the person must change, not the law. God certainly doesn't change. God expects us to change and will help anyone who comes to Him.

Illustration:

If a person has been "diagnosed" as a kleptomaniac (a persistent abnormal impulse to steal) it could be argued that he or she was born that way. Should we expect this person to continue in that behavior and not "judge him"? Should he not be prosecuted if he steals things? Should his neighbors be told that they must accept his behavior and allow him to take from them?

Further Explanation:

All of us were born wrong "naturally" - "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (**Psalm 51:5**) We are all sinners by birth and are immediately prone to do wrong. It is our nature. God did not make us that way, sin did. When God created man and woman, He created them perfect.

It may be by nature or nurture that some become liars, alcoholics, drug addicts, gamblers, or filled with lust, perversion, crime, etc. But that doesn't justify the person before God. God can change people! (Read **2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15; Romans 6:6; I Corinthians 6:9-11**)

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