



How Shall I Share my Faith with a Homosexual, a Lesbian or a Pervert?

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What can a caring friend or parent do to witness to or help regarding a person who is living in a homosexual lifestyle? First off they can pray. Many parents feel so horrible when they learn that their adult kid who is living as a "gay person." I can empathize. They feel shocked and some of them wonder what they might have done wrong. But the most important thing a friend or a parent can do is to continue caring without any condoning of this person's wrong choices. One of the worst things they can do is to reject and cut off their relationship with this gay adult ...out of their own embarrassment, disgust or shame. The Bible is so clear that love **"endures all things"** and **"never fails"** (1 Cor. 13:7-8).

Wanting to love a gay person to Jesus can present some troubling situations. Do we or the parents of the gay person "accept" the homosexual partner? They fear that they would be approving of or condoning homosexuality if they were to do that. I guess we need to define the word "acceptance" here. What it doesn't mean is make that person one of their best friends. We should show love to gay people, but never confuse unconditional love with unconditional approval. God unconditionally loves us, but He will feel anger when we continue on in rebellion and sin. He won't unconditionally approve of everything we do. He hates wrongdoing because it is very detrimental to people.

We are not to write gay people off and thus push them away forever if they want to maintain relationship. We must limit our time with them and show them respect. We can have courteous dialogue. We could wisely enjoy dinner in their home if the civility is somewhat reciprocal. I would recommend not being there alone if you are not their parent, and not drinking alcohol, as many like to offer this to their guests. You want to avoid all clouded judgment and appearance of evil (I know one happily married Christian guy who with the best of intentions went out to lunch with a gay coworker to witness. The Christian's wife was ok with it, but this just wouldn't look right to others who know he's saved, besides the gay person now hates him). But we do need to thank them if they are attempting to be generous. And with the right timing and tone, we can make it clear that our kindness does not in any way say that we approve of such a seriously destructive lifestyle. Our kindness is there to communicate that we feel deeply concerned and see past the mere symptom of homosexuality to the pain and evil that lies under the surface. They need to be regenerated inside. God needs to deal with the root, before we address the fruit of sin. We let them know that our kindness is meant to

communicate that we are sure that God is indeed big enough to transform their lives and their thinking and that a permanent rescue with repentance is also possible in Christ if they are willing.

Let's show the world a different way of living and loving. —A. Lee

***We are called with a holy calling the light of the world to be,
To lift up the lamp of the Savior that others His light may see.*** —Anon.

Where I live in Dallas, my family is around many proud, politically militant, hateful homosexuals who love to scoff at all things having to do with biblical Christianity. I've seen some of them feign openness and friendship to Christians, even inviting the verbal witnessing from Christians who were out there on their off hours trying to show them compassion, but then I saw the same homosexual go and lie trying to get these real Christians fired from their jobs saying it all happened on company hours.

Of course not all gays are like this, but some have an agenda to promote at all costs. They are treacherous and ruthless and call themselves righteous before God. And they really feel that they are. I wonder what god they are talking about. They read their unity daily devotional booklets that call no activity sinful or wrong. They pray prayers—even praying for others who act strange and many of them now want to go get married in a church.

We live in a city where the largest homosexual church in the world is located and thousands of people caught up in this aberrant lifestyle want to propagate their message of perverted love to others—even to youngsters. Other mainline denominations and churches here are also ordaining homosexual, lesbian and perverted ministers. Many little boys and girls have been abused in churches here. These churches have to pay out lots of money; they relocate their pedophile leaders and call it good. We Americans are not ignorant of this stuff, but we often do nothing about it. It is now common place to see transgender people dressed as nuns, priests etc., inside mainline church buildings desiccating them by taking communion, or out in the streets mocking the last supper. Yes, it's common place to see them openly flaunting their lewdness out in public in the name of art, or simply by picketing for their rights and lovers rights. Who knows why their "art" is even funded by the government.

Maybe you don't have religious perverts in your area, but the wide spread delusion of these last days seems to be getting out of hand! Christians need to wise up, and do something to stave off the quickly rising tide of wickedness ...for the sake of the next generation. Boycotting might have it's place, but I say we proactively evangelize in love and wisdom! These following methods may need to be modified a bit according to the way the perverted people in your area go about their lives, but these people do need to be reached in time.

Some so called Christians have treated gay people harshly in the name of Jesus, which is inexcusable and deplorable! It makes me angry. I was watching a news report on TV last night where a group of so called saints were out picketing a soldier's funeral with hateful placards and signs reading "*God Hates Fags!*" Yes, this one sideways church group showed no love or respect to homosexuals or to hurting Americans and they have continually been in the news before our faces, literally rejoicing over every tragedy that has happened in our land, saying these things were God's judgments against a fagot loving country. My wife and I were horrified. This hideous display was beyond disgusting. They said that if Jesus Christ were here, He would

also be carrying one of their placards with them. They were so wrong! The Bible says, ***“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’”***(Matt. 11:19). Christian, would you be accused of being the friend of sinners—of homosexuals, prostitutes, lesbians and perverts? I’m not asking if you would be their best friend, but God wants you to befriend sinners. One fallen soldier’s dad sued that church group and now these would be “Christians out standing for truth” must pay eleven million dollars in damages. They deserve it. That kind of witnessing gives the Gospel a black eye.

If we follow Christ’s example in witnessing to sinners, we are biblically to give the Law to the proud and show grace to the humble person who is open. We are to speak the truth in love—God’s kind of love. We Christians seek not to offend homosexuals, lesbians or perverts with our personal ideas, our personal opinions, our own feelings of hatred towards the destructive sin habits that they happen to be bound by. Some of them will be offended simply by us tenderly sharing what God has to say from the Bible. But lives are at stake, religious people are confused and we never want these people to even feel that we dislike or hate them personally. We do NOT! Homosexuals are now among the most legally protected people groups in our nation. And we want them protected for all eternity along with all those who could potentially be defiled by them. Real witnessing is all about showing the fire-escape and protecting people.

Now writing something “Christian” to help these people in this nation can easily be perceived as politically incorrect, homophobic, unfair or unwise. Many won’t see it as protecting, but I trust that the truth will prevail. I don’t really care what some will think, I know my heart and intentions are benevolent in this and I will take the risk in love to help them.

Western Christians are often around homosexuals at work, in school, at the store, in restaurants ...everywhere we go it seems there are not only homosexuals, but there are also perverts and lesbians. These lifestyles are vogue today and becoming more and more in style. Access to porn on the internet with the anonymity has made the ugly secret sins of millions so much easier to imbibe in, to get entangled in, before it develops and they come out of the closet with it. Churchgoers, so called church leaders and everyday people are going too far, beyond the point of no return. They cross a line where God will leave them alone. It’s not that God won’t forgive them; it’s that they reach a point of depravity where they will never ask God to forgive them—where they would become willing to repent. People with a conscience that’s been seared as if by a burning hot iron, never planned on becoming that way!

But God would still have holy, on-fire Christians around sinners of all types today, everywhere in these so called civilized nations. We are to be in the world but not of the world. How else could we be able to witness to those who are not yet closed and seared, people for whom Christ died? God can still work His greatest miracle!

But let me be clear that having worldliness, perversion and the homosexual lifestyle accepted within the local church is absolutely not the way God would have it! Yes, we are to be separate from such wickedness. We are to shine brightly in this dark world for the sake of effective fishing for God’s glory! The Bible says, ***“For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, but His secret counsel is with the upright”***(Prov. 3:32). God says, ***“Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight”***(Prov. 11:20). It’s interesting to me that the Bible doesn’t say the perverse sin alone is an abomination to the LORD.

But we Christians seek to be a blessing to perverts in ways that are wise, to homosexuals and to garden variety unbelievers daily by living holy lives and by speaking the truth to them in love. We sincerely want them rescued by the same grace that rescued us sinners. The Bible commands us to: ***“Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men”*** (Rom 12:18 nkjv).

Christians seek to live peaceably without compromising spiritually. And as we obey God, He often leads us Christians to confront the issue of homosexual sin which the Bible calls (among some other seriously wrong sins) an abomination. These are not my words but God's:

“The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood shall be upon them. If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you. If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood is upon them. If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing” (Lev. 20:10-17 nkjv).

Many Christians have been taught over and over in evangelizing perverts and homosexuals that "God hates the sin, but loves the sinner." This isn't a new concept.

We get this from the Bible that says, ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”*** (Jn. 3:16-18). It breaks our God's heart and it should break the heart of every Christians when anyone chooses to go to hell. The Lord is ***“not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”*** (2 Pet. 3:9 nkjv).

I also find it interesting what the man God, named Charles Finney stated. He said: *“God is not angry merely against the sin abstracted from the sinner, but against the sinner himself. Some persons have labored hard to set up this ridiculous and absurd abstraction, and would fain make it appear that God is angry at sin, yet not at the sinner. He hates the theft, but loves the thief. He abhors adultery, but is pleased with the adulterer. Now this is supreme nonsense. The sin has no moral character apart from the sinner. The act is nothing apart from the actor. The very thing that God hates and disapproves of is not the mere event—the thing done in distinction from the doer; but it is the doer himself. It grieves and displeases Him that a rational moral agent, under His government, should array himself against his own God and Father, against all that is right and just in the universe. This is the thing that offends God. The sinner himself is the direct and the only object of his anger.”*

Personally, if I were to tightly embraced such a seriously destructive sinful lifestyle and I even draw my very identify as a person from such a hideous lifestyle, and I've made my Maker feel

like these verses describe, then I would certainly want to repent and permanently change my lifestyle ...and I would want to do this very quickly!

In the Old Testament we can see that ***“God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day”*** (Ps. 7:11 nkjv). The Bible basically stated that He’s angry with the wicked person every time the sun rises, not merely with an abstract sin. God does not say here that He hates the wicked person or longs for that person to be burning in the flames that He created for the devil and fallen angels. But the Bible goes on to say in verse 12 and 13 that if the wicked person refuses to turn from his wickedness—***“If he does not turn back, He [God] will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.”***

I don’t know about you, but that just sounds pretty scary to me. Yikes!—God will whet His sword—He has bent His bow and made it ready—not to shoot at the sin, but at the sinner—the wicked person who has done the abominable thing.

We know that God still hates sin today. He never changes. In the New Testament we see the same God as the God in the Old Testament. Sin hurts people that He loves and therefore it hurts Him. He deeply loves all people, but when you read the end of His Book, you won’t want to be on the receiving end of what Christ rejecters will get. Does our God of grace in the New Testament get angry with the sinner who persists in sinning and thereby persists in hurting others? Listen, because of Christ’s bloody cross, you, I, and any sinner doesn’t have to experience the fierceness and anger of God’s wrath on humanity, People can repent and trust Jesus right now. It’s a day of grace.

I never hope for harm or pain to come to any pervert, homosexual or lesbian. I pray. But would it not be logical that the Maker of the whole universe who owns us all and who bought us, has the right to do what He wants at any time, if some among His creation were determined to propagate and spread their wicked perversion and evil influence to others that God loves and wants to protect?—not to mention the innocent children that could be ill affected by such aberrant deeds?

The biblical way for Christians to witness to a homosexual or a lesbian or to any pervert is not to argue with that person about his or her lifestyle, not to try to condemn them or make them feel bad, but to use the Word of God and His Top Ten List (the Law) to bring the gay or perverted person the knowledge of sin. How can they see the huge value of Christ’s great salvation if they don’t first realize their huge debt. In a time when preachers and churches are too fearful to mention sin, wrath, damnation, anger, the blood of Jesus, certain judgment ahead, it is time for Christians to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Am I saying deemphasize God’s love and goodness. No. I just saying that sinners must hear the bad news first in order to appreciate the Good news. This will show him or her that they are guilty of breaking God’s holy Law, and that they are condemned already—damned not because of, but despite their sexual preference and perversion. The Law was made for homosexuals, as well as other lawbreakers.

I’ve broken God’s laws too and His law indeed convicted me. It pointed me like a school master towards Christ our only real solution for, ***“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”*** (Ps. 19:7).

I'm radically blessed now. That's why I don't look down upon or talk down to any sinner. I want to show all sinners the same respect, for they are very valuable people, made in the image of God. There are no big sins and little sins with God—sin is sin, but there are some sins that are more destructive than others. God doesn't let any sin in heaven, only forgiven people. Homosexuals, lesbians, perverts—sinners will be somewhere for all eternity and we want them to be in heaven with us.

It's just so like God to deal with sin and sinners rather than to ignore them. I'm just trying to be objective here. The psalmist said, **"The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity"** (Ps. 5:5). Man, that's as serious as a migraine.

God **"did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)"** (2 Pet. 2:6–8).

Is AIDS God's judgment?

It would be a heartless mistake to say that everyone with AIDS is suffering the consequences of God's judgment for their behavior because AIDS can be contracted in many ways. If a paramedic got an AIDS victim's blood in their own cut, as they rendered first aid to a wounded man would that be God judging him? No way! At the same time, we ought never ignore the fact that in the Old Testament God clearly warned His people that violating His law would result in disease, sickness, and plague:

"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed" (Deut. 28:58-61).

Romans 1:21-32 also speaks about the physical and spiritual consequences of sexual sins:

"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. . . . Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion" (Rom. 1:21-32 niv).

AIDS, (as well as other STDs), only reaches epidemic proportions when lots of people depart from biblical standards for wrong behavior. Again, this doesn't mean that individual AIDS-sufferers who we should pity and pray for are under God's judgment, but it does mean that individuals around the globe—including people in our Western idol worshipping society need to repent before a holy God (I'm talking about the idols of pleasure-seeking and money. We abort millions of babies for this and export more sexual filth for bucks through the media and movies than any other nation). The harsh consequences of

choice-related diseases are challenging Americans to rethink concerning inner morality, priorities and spiritual issues.

Do gay people choose to be attracted to people of the same gender?

Yes they do, but most of them do not start out choosing to *feel*/sexual attraction for persons of the same sex. Contrary to popular belief, people are not born homosexual. Instead, same-gender attractions can develop from a combination of factors in a born-straight person's background, often without the person even recognizing it or being aware of how such desires came about.

Studies have been done and many personal accounts have been logged that tell us how same-gender sexual attractions often start to arrive on the scene in a context where a child feels unaccepted by their same-sex parent. Whether it's real or even perceived those who eventually feel sexual attractions for the same sex as they are often never felt loved by or could identify with their same-gender parent. What is also often told is that their childhood sexual experiences with the same gender were of such that they felt a strong but rare sense of love. Combined, these factors can totally confuse emotionally starved children or adolescents about their sexual preference and orientation. Sometimes this confusion comes because of sexual abuse, and their God-given desire to feel loved and approved of by persons of the same sex are only experienced within that sexual context. It so sad, We are a society of victims, who want to blame others for our wrong choices. And yet some are victims. Such rare times of feeling loved creates the misunderstanding in them that they have somehow been destined to fulfill their desire for same-gender love and approval through this type of sexual activity.

While sexual desires for those of the same sex are not always chosen at first, those who do experience these attractions eventually are faced with a critical choice. They can choose to be gay (and will harden their hearts and gain a seared conscience eventually) or to be straight. They can accept their confusion as if it's their natural identity or they can fight against it. The Word of God can win the battle for them if they would repent and turn to Him. Jesus can heal, deliver and save such a person.