Homosexuality

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites..." (1 Corinthians 6:9)

Preliminary Thoughts

1. What is homosexuality?

2. Is homosexuality a new practice? Why do we hear so much about it now?

3. What are some reasons people give to justify homosexual practices?
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   b)
   c)

4. Why are some people tempted with homosexual feelings and others are not?

5. Are feelings and temptations wrong, or do they become wrong when we do something about them (James 1:12-15)?

6. Is there a limit to the power of any temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)?

7. The subject of homosexuality is confusing because everyone calls it something different.
   - Is homosexuality a physical or genetic disease?
   - Is homosexuality "the sickest sin there is?"
   - Is homosexuality "natural" for some people, being an inborn trait (Romans 1:26-27)?
   - Is homosexuality a legitimate "alternative lifestyle" (Genesis 2:24; Hebrews 13:4)?

8. Most people seem to have no idea how homosexuality can be a temptation to anyone. Therefore, we are not very helpful to a person who is struggling with the temptation (cf. Galatians 6:1-2; Jude 22-23). Maybe that can change if we understand a few general things about homosexuality.
   - God makes every person unique (Psalm 139:13-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). He may be different, but God does not make him "gay" (James 1:13).
   - Homosexuality generally has little to do with sex. The sexual involvement with another person of the same sex, is a compromise for the need to be loved and accepted.
   - Some inborn factors may contribute to the development of homosexual attractions, but these are not sufficient to make a person homosexual (James 1:14-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13).
Factors which lead to each person’s struggle with homosexual attraction are different, but certain stages are common to many—low self-esteem, gender emptiness, gender attraction, sexual attraction, homosexual reinforcement, homosexual identity.

What Does The Bible Say?


2) What did God say about homosexuality under the Law of Moses (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13)?

3) Many people say that homosexuality is an inborn trait. Is a person born greedy, jealous, malicious, gossiper, slanderer, thief, child abuser, serial killer (Mark 7:20-23)? Why would people say that homosexuality is inborn?

4) Is homosexuality a “natural” practice (Romans 1:26-27)?

5) Is homosexuality against God’s law or sanctioned by it (1 Timothy 1:8-10)?

6) Homosexuals advocate “coming out of the closet” and being open with their lifestyle. What does the Bible say about such open sinning (Isaiah 3:9)?

7) Men try to lessen the severity of sin by softening its description. The Bible does not describe homosexuals/lesbians as “gay” or living an “alternative lifestyle.” How does the Bible describe such people?
   - 1 Kings 14:24—
   - 1 Corinthians 6:9—
   - Colossians 3:5—
   - Jude 7—

8) What two things does 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 teach us about homosexuality?

9) Those who oppose homosexuality are often called “homophobes” or “gay bashers.” Some people really are—but how would you describe a caring, concerned Christian who wants to help a person overcome his struggle with homosexuality (1 Corinthians 13:4-7; James 5:19-20)?

Practical Solutions

1) Can a person who is engaged in homosexual practices remain in that condition? What must he/she do (Ephesians 5:1-14)?

2) Does God care about our struggle? What are some practical ways that God gives us to overcome this temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)?
• How did Jesus overcome temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)?

• Who can we turn to for help (Philippians 4:13; 1 John 4:4)?

• How must we respond to the devil’s temptation (James 4:7)?

• What activity helps us as much as anything (Philippians 4:6-7)?

• What do we need to try to master (Philippians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 10:5)?

3) After you rid yourself of this practice, what must you do to keep worse sins from returning (Luke 11:24-26)?

4) How is the church to react to a practicing homosexual who repents (2 Corinthians 2:3-11)?

5) Do you have a closing thought?