

AN ALTERNATIVE DEATH-STYLE

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We have heard those who condone homosexuality refer to it as an “Alternative Life-style.” Even many who claim to be followers in Christ are telling us that the practice is acceptable.

I believe the phrase “Alternative Death-Style” better describes homosexuality in light of what God’s word says. It’s easy to identify homosexuality as sin from God’s word. In fact, God Himself said “*You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination*” (Leviticus 18:22).

In the New testament, Homosexuality, contrary to the many things men today say, is a condemned Sin. It is denounced with such words as

“*Vile Passions*” and “*Against nature*” (Romans 1:26); “*Shameful*” and worthy of “*Penalty*” (vs. 27); “*Debased*” and “*Not fitting*” (vs. 28).

Having identified homosexuality as sin in both the Old and New Testaments, we can understand why it is a “Death-Style.” You see, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:23). Regarding “*Homosexuals*” and “*Sodomites,*” those who are such “*Will not inherit the kingdom of God*” (1 Corinthians 6:9).

Don’t be dupped by the “*Deceitfulness of sin*” (Hebrews 3:13), homosexuality is not a Life-Style, it’s a Death-Style! ☞

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- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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“*They...searched the scriptures daily...*” –Acts 17:11

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A VIRTUOUS WIFE

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“*Who can find a virtuous wife?*” So asked the wise King Lemuel while reflecting on his own mother’s wisdom (Proverbs 31:1, 10). In many ways the question may be asked of today’s modern world. In Hebrew, Proverbs 31:10-31 is an alphabetic acrostic. The woman of valor is literally extolled from A to Z. Notice that...

She Is A Woman of Value. “*For her worth is far above rubies*” (Proverbs 31:10). She is of great value to her husband. She provides for him in many ways. Her provision for him is emotional. She lives in such a way as to give him emotional stability and security. He never has to worry that she might be unfaithful to him. She lives in such a way that “*The heart of her husband safely trusts her*” (Verse 11). Many women today are flaunty and flirtatious; not her! She never says or does anything that might engender suspicion in his heart. She is valuable to him and to her children. Much of this passage speaks of her untiring labor in providing for her family. Her husband and children never have to worry about a lack of nice and suitable clothes or a good meal. “*She seeks wool and flax and willingly works with her hands*” (Verse 13). “*She also rises*

While it is yet night, and provides food for her household” (Verse 15). A woman who squanders away her days sleeping or watching TV while clothes go unwashed, houses go uncleaned, and meals go unprepared is of little value to her family. The virtuous woman “*Watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness*” (Verse 27).

She Is A Woman Of Vision. The virtuous woman’s role in the family is not restricted to housework. She is involved in other ventures in the best interest of her family. “*She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar*” (Verse 14). She involves herself in commerce when she sees it benefitting her family down the road. “*She sees a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard*” (Verse 16). She works hard to teach her children, to raise them right, so that when they are older, they will bring her honor and not shame (Verse 25).

She Is A Woman Of Veneration. Because of all she is and all she does, “*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.*” Remember, “*A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised*” (30). ☞

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

GAY MARRIAGE: DOES GOD APPROVE?

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Homosexuality plagues our nation. There was a time when anyone who dared practice this deviant sexual behavior did so in private. Now we hear about “Gay rights,” “Gay Pride,” etc. And now, for the first time in USA’s history, we have a president who has official condoned “Gay Marriage.” What does God’s word say?

The Bible says that homosexuality is against God’s original plan for sexual behavior. In Genesis 2:21-25 we learn that God made for Adam a woman, not another man. This is God’s plan! Jesus enjoined this plan in Matthew 19:4-6. God said to Israel, “*You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination*” (Lev. 18:22). Folks today may find it acceptable behavior, but God views it as an abomination!

This deviant practice is also against nature. Anyone with a basic understanding of the human anatomy of a man and a woman can see that homosexuality isn’t natural. The Bible says, “*For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due*” (Rom. 1:26,27).

We also learn from this passage that homosexuality is shameful. Those who practice it should not be proud; it’s shameful behavior! “*Men with men*

committing what is shameful.” Where does this leave “Gay Pride?”

Also from this passage, we learn that homosexuality brings physical destruction. They “*receive in themselves the penalty for their error which was due.*” All types of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, have been traced to homosexuality. And don’t forget the physical destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah brought on largely by homosexuality (Genesis 19:5-7, 24-28).

The worst consequence brought on by this vile sin is the loss of the soul. 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 gives a list of those who “*...will not inherit the kingdom of God.*” Included are “*homosexuals,*” and “*sodomites.*” The Greek word for “homosexuals” describes “*catamites,*” those who submit to homosexuals; that is, the one who acts like the woman. The word for “sodomites” indicates the dominate one. So, any type of homosexuality is condemned here.

These words also condemn those who commit this sin willingly, just as those in Romans 1:26, 27 when it says that men “*Burned in their lust for one another.*” It’s consensual! Many homosexuals call themselves “Christians,” maintaining the Bible only condemns forced homosexuality (i.e. rape). But the Bible plainly condemns consensual homosexuality.

Across the board, God condemns homosexuality! And by virtue of this, He clearly does not approve of “Gay Marriage.” ☹

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Mom The Planter

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson
Reading: Proverbs 14:1-5
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Justin Prugel

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Ben Green

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

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