

**You CAN Be  
Free From  
Homosexuality!!**

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# **FOREWORD**

We would like to dedicate this book to our daughter Linda, who at the age of 18 announced that she was confused about who she was sexually, and confessed that she felt trapped for life, in the emotions and desires within her that seemed to determine what her preferences were regarding sexuality.

This book is dedicated to her and others like her who feel the pain, alienation, and torment of a lifestyle, or sexual preference, that is contrary to what God has established as proper or “natural” according to His Word.

If you are willing to consider the possibility that your homosexual feelings and emotions might be a lie, and that God’s Word is the true guide for how we should live our lives as humans, then you have taken the first step to being free from homosexuality.

# Introduction

For many years, the church taught that sickness comes from God, and that God puts cancer on people to teach them something. We heard in the church that God does bad things to people on purpose, in order to make them better people. We prayed to God to heal us when we were sick and the doctor gave us a bad report, and then we would turn around and say that God must have put this disease on us to teach us something. We were taught by well meaning preachers that “the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away.” So, when we asked God to heal us, we never believed He would. Maybe he will, maybe he won't. Who knows? So we never prayed in faith, and we never really believed much of anything when it comes to healing. As a result, we never really experienced healing miracles in the church on a large scale.

Then along came people like Kathryn Kuhlman, John G. Lake, Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagin, and Benny Hinn. And they began teaching the TRUTH of God's word, that it WAS God's will to heal all of the time, and that it was the devil who puts bad things on people. Once we began hearing the TRUTH concerning healing, then it began to be easier to believe for healings and miracles.

When the TRUTH of the word was taught regarding healing, then a healing explosion took place, and a whole new wave of freedom and deliverance pulsed through the church. But it could not happen as long as the doctrines of men were taught regarding healing, instead of the TRUTH of God's word concerning healing.

We also heard in the church for many years that it was “holy” to be poor. That God wanted us to just barely get by in life, and that when we just barely had enough, that this was some kind of evidence that we were “spiritual”. “Let's keep the preacher poor, so he can stay humble”, everyone would say. So nobody in the church had enough money to really accomplish anything for God large scale when it came to evangelizing the world. We were told to sell everything we had and give it to the poor, but we WERE the poor. We were told to make sure we pay our tithes, when we couldn't even pay the rent or put gas in the car.

Then along came people like Kenneth Copeland, Jesse Duplantis, Leroy Thompson, and Creflo Dollar who taught us that prosperity was a part of being under the blessing. We were taught the TRUTH concerning the blessing and prosperity, and then we were able to receive what God truly intended for us to have, and with that blessing in our hands, we were then able to get involved in preaching the gospel throughout the world in a much more effective manner. But until the TRUTH was taught concerning wealth, we stayed in darkness and in bondage to the doctrines of men and religious ideas concerning finances. When we learned the truth concerning finances, then an explosion of blessing

and prosperity began to abound in the church, and people experienced another wave of God's blessing and freedom in the church.

Likewise, for many years the doctrines of men have been permeating the church regarding homosexuality. Some churches teach that all sin is forgiven; past, present, and future, therefore don't worry about what you do once you say a prayer, "it's all covered from here on out". Other churches and people believe that it is inherited through our genes, and therefore there isn't much you can do about it. And most churches are afraid to take any position at all on the subject, and they avoid it all together, at least until the day that their pastor resigns and when it is time to get a new one, a "gay" minister applies for the position, and THEN they start trying to figure out what they believe on the subject. At that point, there is usually so much confusion and chaos that the church splits right down the middle, each half going it's separate way, and neither half having any clue what the bible really has to say regarding the issue because everyone involved is too busy expressing what they believed or what they "heard" as opposed to getting into the word and doing any true research regarding the subject.

That is what this book is all about. In this book, I do not attempt to reiterate any of the religious ideas that have permeated the church, nor do I try to religious-ize (is that a word?) any psychological or medical beliefs. I have gone straight to the word of God and researched this topic out as thoroughly as possible, without any pre-conceived ideas or notions about homosexuality. And what I am getting ready to share with everyone is what I believe to be the TRUTH regarding homosexuality, and nothing but the TRUTH according to the word of God.

And just like with the healing revolution, and the prosperity revolution that were birthed in the church when the TRUTH was finally understood from a bible perspective, I also desire to see an explosion of deliverance begin in the body of Christ as the REAL truth regarding homosexuality is revealed to the body of Christ.

When these truths begin to be understood and taught throughout the body of Christ, it is going to be the beginning of the biggest deliverance from sexual perversions and sin that has ever been witnessed in the history of the church.

So brace yourself. Fasten your seat belt. Here we go!! Get all of your own religious ideas out of your head, and be open-minded. Otherwise, you will easily get lost on the very first chapter. Before you can be free, you must understand from a biblical perspective EXACTLY where the origin of homosexuality begins in a person. Like I said before, I am going to tell you what the BIBLE has to say regarding this topic, and NOT what people have told you, your pastor has told you, or your emotions have told you.

Believe it or not, the bible teaches that homosexuality is a consequence of a bad attitude towards God. Please be open-minded, or you will never truly understand what it means to be free from homosexuality.

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# **Homosexuality is not a choice; it is a consequence**

The news was devastating. I had just returned to a small town that I had moved away from 2 years previously. I bumped into an old friend that I had gone to church with there. I had attended a local fellowship there from August of 1986 until January of 1991, prior to moving to Indianapolis, Indiana. I began asking how everyone was whom I had known while living there, and asking what they were all up to. Eventually, I brought up the name of (I will call him) Stanley, and the person with whom I was speaking grew pale and solemn in the face. Then he slowly and painfully informed me that Stanley had returned to a lifestyle of homosexuality.

Stanley was a man who had been delivered from homosexuality several years back and had traveled with Norvel Hayes Ministries, ministering the Gospel and telling his testimony of freedom. He later became my pastor at my small local church for three years. Then he went on the road as an evangelist, giving his testimony and ministering hope to other homosexuals that they too can be free from homosexuality. My brother had been his office manager for a few years, and at times I traveled with him, selling teaching tapes at his tape tables, helping to drive the ministry bus, and ran the tape duplicator at times. Some of his tape series at the time were some of the best Bible teaching tapes that I had ever heard. He traveled extensively throughout the United States, ministering at different churches, and many homosexuals had been delivered through his ministry.

I could not believe it! This man, who had given so much hope to others trying to get free, was now bound back in the same sin that he had been so radically delivered from. I was hurt, disappointed, confused, and was tempted to be a little angry at God for not protecting him and helping him to stay free so he could continue helping others. The anger subsided and I began asking God, "What happened?!" How could someone who seemed so free and so beyond that sin, then go right back into the same sin and walk away from being miraculously used of God in such a huge capacity and much-needed dimension? After many years of questioning God and looking for an answer in His Word, I learned exactly what had gone wrong. After seeing the answers in the Word, I recognized some of the weaknesses or 'attitudes' in Stanley that had never been corrected, that were actually part of the original problem that had ultimately led to the consequence of homosexuality in Stanley's life. The answers that God has given me on this subject, I would like to pass along to others who want to know for themselves, "Why can't I get free of this tormenting sin?" (And for others who have experienced some freedom and fell back again into that same sin who ask, "Why is it such a struggle to stay free from homosexuality?")

Well, first of all, you have to understand it from God's perspective. Why God's? Because God is the only One Who can completely set you free. The name of Jesus is the only Name that can defeat Satan and his works in your life. I have found in the Word of God where the origin of homosexuality comes from. Once you understand its origin, you

can then reverse this life-style, or a better term for it is ‘consequence’. You see, according to the Bible, homosexuality is a consequence, not a choice.

If you are reading this book, it is probably because you want to be free from homosexuality or you might be someone who has a friend or relative who is bound in the sin of homosexuality, and you are searching for some hope in this book for them. And my guess is you, or that someone you know, has already tried several times to be free on your own or through someone else’s remedy, and to no avail. That is because you cannot free yourself from a consequence until you deal with the actions or attitudes that brought on the consequence, and according to the Bible, homosexuality is not an action or a choice; it is a consequence, so all attempts to be free of this consequence outside of dealing with what brought on the consequence is going to be to no avail.

This raises two questions: Where in the Bible does God say that homosexuality is a consequence, and what is the action, attitude, or behavior that brought about homosexuality, if it truly indeed is a consequence? Wouldn’t it be nice if somewhere in the Bible these questions were answered in simple terms that anyone could understand? Well, they are. Turn with me to the Book of Romans. The first chapter of Romans explains the actions, attitudes, and mindset that bring on the consequence of homosexuality and a host of other consequences as well. And any one of these consequences can be cancelled or reversed simply by recognizing the behavior that brought them on, addressing that behavior, and correcting it. Doesn’t that make perfect sense? I hope so. And hopefully it makes sense to you as well if you ever care to be free from homosexuality. If you really want to be free, you have to start by believing that the power and truths of God is the only thing that can truly set you free. The Bible says that “you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

Let’s take a look at Romans 1:26, 27. It reads: “For this *cause* God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves *that recompense of their error which was meet.*” These two verses are obviously talking about homosexuality. The “natural use” of a man and a woman is toward one another. So leaving the natural use obviously means men with men, and women with women. I would hope that we could agree that this is obviously talking about homosexuality without having to get into a lengthy dispute about the proper interpretation of these simple statements.

Let’s move on. Do you see the word “cause” at the beginning? It says “for this cause,” and that could also read “for this reason” or “because of this,” etc. It all means the same thing. It is saying that there is a “cause” or a reason that God turned them over to homosexuality. And then there is another statement in there, “that recompense of their error which was meet.” What does that mean? The word “recompense” is another way of saying consequence. Both words are interchangeable; they both mean the same thing. The word “error” is another way of saying wrong or sin. And when you see the word

“meet” in the Bible, it means “deserved.” So, the phrase “that recompense of their error which was meet” simply means, “the consequence for their wrongs, which they deserve.” Instead of struggling with my interpretation in your mind and getting hung up on “why should I believe his interpretation”, why don’t you simply stop reading this book for a moment and open a Bible and turn to that verse and read it yourself? And as you are reading it, begin by praying to the Holy Spirit and asking Him to give you wisdom and understanding on what God is saying in that verse. I would rather that He would take the time to convince you of its true meaning, instead of me laboring incessantly to convince you. After all, it is God’s truth that will set you free, not necessarily mine. The Bible needs to be His words to you, not my words to you, if there is going to be any power in these words that will transform you or free you, or make you into someone new.

Did I say “someone new?” Yes, I did! Second Corinthians 5:17 says: “If any man(woman) be in Christ; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.” That means that in Christ, you can be someone new. If the old you is living under a consequence, and specifically if you believe you are a homosexual, then the new you can be free from that consequence and be restored to the natural use and affections of your body, and have normal and natural desires again. You can desire the opposite sex, instead of the same sex. I hope that some hope is stirring inside of you already as you read these verses and we apply them to your situation.

# What Caused the Consequence?

I was a Physics major in college, so it is first nature for me to understand everything in mathematical terms. For instance:  $A + B = C$ ,  $F = ma$ ,  $E = mc$  (squared), etc. I see a problem, and simplify it, and make the solution easily accessible by breaking it down into a formula. That is exactly how I want to break the following verses down for you so they will make sense to you. Let's take the simplest mathematical formula and use it in these verses. I want to take  $A + B = C$ . And inside these verses I will show you that (A) bad attitudes towards God + (B) God's punishment = (C) a consequence.

The verses that I want to use are Romans 1:21-28. Verses 21-23 are the A part of the equation, verses 24-26 are the B part of the equation, and verses 27 & 28 are the C part of the equation. The Bible describes two main attitudes that people develop towards God that causes God to "give them up" or turn them over to a "reprobate mind," which is His form of punishment for the bad attitudes. And the end result or consequences of God's punishment is a list of wrong-doings or sins that begin in verse 26 with homosexuality. According to this chapter, homosexuality is not the only consequence of God's punishment for these attitudes, but it is the one I will deal with in this book. I believe it has top priority over the others for two reasons: It seems to be the most 'powerful' bondage of all the sins listed, and also because God listed it first in this section as well.

Let's start with the (A) part of the equation. What are the attitudes that lead to the punishment? The verses read, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." The main two attitudes I want to address here are "when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful...." These were the two main attitudes that lead to punishment, so let me take time to explain them. You cannot reverse these attitudes if you do not understand them.

Attitude #1: ... (when they knew God) ***they glorified Him not as God.*** What does that mean? Basically, if we glorify Him as God, we accept His supreme Lordship over our lives, our actions, attitudes, beliefs, and our feelings. What He has to say about a subject is the truth, and if we don't see it that way, then we need to change our way of thinking. Why? Because God is God and we are not. Glorify HIM as God, not yourself. If your feelings and affections tell you that you are homosexual, but God's Word says homosexuality is wrong, don't say, "Well, God must be wrong, because I don't feel that way myself." At some point in your life, you have stopped believing God and accepting His Word as divinely inspired and Divine Truth, and you have started believing your own emotions or beliefs as the truth instead.

Another way to not glorify God is as follows. When we have a problem arise in our life, do we see the problem as too big for God to solve? Sometimes our problems seem huge, but no problem is too big for God. If we have a tendency to 'glorify' the problem instead

of God, then we have made the problem bigger than God and we have actually made the problem a god or an idol in our lives. Psalm 34:3 says, “O, *magnify* the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.” When you magnify the problem so much that it seems too big for God to solve, then you are exalting the problems in your life over God. God can no longer be God for you. You minimize His influence in your life and in your mind. You are no longer glorifying Him as God. Your problems have become your God.

And here is yet another way to not glorify God as God. It is probably the most common way that people do not glorify God as God today. How many times have you heard someone say, or have even said yourself, that the Bible is a bunch of old stories or myths and they don't apply to today? Or, “The Bible is not pertinent to every situation”? Or even, “Life is more complex today than it was way back then. Surely you don't believe *everything* in the Bible, do you?” And on and on, blabbity-blah-blah, etc.

Anytime you “trash-talk” the Bible or denounce its truth or validity, you are not glorifying God as God. In the Book of John 1:1-5, it says: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.” Verse 14 says, “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, and He was full of grace and *truth*.” And it also goes on to say in 2 Timothy 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.”

The Word of God is the inspired Word of God, Himself, and each Word on each page is just as alive as God Himself. Maybe you are one of those people who says, “Do you believe that the Bible is true just because the Bible says so itself? That is not proof! Any book can say within the book that it is the truth. That is not proof!” You are right. Anytime Jesus' words were challenged as being God's Words, He never just said, “Believe Me or else!” He also proved the truth of His Word “with signs and wonders following.” Jesus proved His validity and that He was Who He said He was “by His works.” The lame were healed, the blind received their sight, the crippled walked, the dead were raised, devils were cast out, and people were set free. This Word, or the Bible, does the same thing that Jesus did. It proves its own validity by the signs and wonders that follow its Words being applied to a situation and its Words are applied to a situation through faith. Faith means you accept it as truth, and then you test its validity by applying it to your situation through faith. You have to believe that it is God's Word for you in order for it to work for you. That is called faith. And if you don't believe that the Bible is God's Word and that it will work for you, then you cannot get the freedom that you are seeking from your torment. You will be vexed with unclean spirits forever. There is no other name or power than the Name of Jesus that has authority over unclean spirits. So, you have got to glorify God as God, by believing that the Bible is His true spoken Word. Nothing that I say to you is going to help you if you don't start with that one key element. The Bible is God's truth, EVERY WORD OF IT!

Attitude #2: ...*neither were (they) thankful.* How does that apply to our situation? Well, how many times in your life can you remember that you complained or murmured to God because things didn't go your way, or you didn't get what you wanted out of God or someone else? Do you remember feeling that anger or bitterness that was stirred up inside of you towards God? Why did you get mad at God? Do you want God to be God in your life, or do you want God to be your servant, always meeting your expectations and making everything go your way? Are you busy pouting and mad and throwing temper tantrums when you don't get what you want from God? You have to see God as the *sovereign* God. That means that only HE knows what is best for us. And sometimes He doesn't always bail us out of pain because He knows that the pressure of the situation will mold our character to better equip us for future problems or temptations.

I know so many people today who do not serve God because "He didn't answer their prayers." Well, maybe you weren't praying His 'perfect' will for you. When you don't get your way with God, you are supposed to say, "God, I acknowledge (glorify) you as God. I'm not God, so even though I don't understand why it didn't work out the way I would have liked, I give You thanks (or I am thankful) that You love me, and You care about me, and You know what is best for me, and according to Romans 8:28, 'We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.' I know that you love me, and if I just trust your sovereignty in my life, that someday I will receive from you what is best for me. God, YOU be God in this situation, not me, and THANK YOU for everything that you have done for me in life thus far."

That simple little prayer that I just typed for you has all the power in the world that you need to be free from homosexuality, because that prayer contains the correct attitudes that we must have towards God if we do not want Him to turn us over to a reprobate mind or our own vile affections. **YOU CAN BE FREE FROM HOMOSEXUALITY** by memorizing that prayer and praying it to God every time you get tempted to get mad at God or disappointed at Him for not doing it your way.

Now for the (B) part of the equation. What does it mean when God says He will "give them up" to vile affections, or turn us over to a reprobate mind"? The Bible says in Genesis 6:3, "And the Lord said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man...." You see, God's Spirit will strive with an individual for a certain length of time, trying to convince them of His Lordship, goodness, that His plans are better than ours, His ways are higher than ours, etc. But if we continue to be strong-willed and rebellious towards God, His Spirit will move on somewhere else. God actually "gives up" on us. When God "gives them up" to vile affections; that means He turns us over to our own evil feelings or attitudes about life.

What does it mean when God turns us over to a "reprobate" mind? The word reprobate means: 1. A morally unprincipled person. 2. One who is predestined to damnation. 3. Morally unprincipled or shameless. 4. Rejected by God and without hope of salvation. When God turns you over to a reprobate mind, it means He is no longer influencing your mind, or your thoughts, will, and emotions at that point, and everything

that involves your thinking and reasoning process is no longer connected to God through your conscience. Whatever thoughts, feelings, or attitudes you come up with is what arises out of a totally immoral, God-less conscience. A reprobate mind is one that hates God and His answers or influence. Basically, you now have a totally God-hating mind. This is God's punishment to us for having two bad attitudes towards Him. God gives you up to vile affections, and turns you over to a reprobate mind, because you don't glorify Him as God in every situation and you are not thankful to Him. When you say, "God can't or won't fix this for me," or you are busy grumbling and complaining and pouting at God for what you don't get, instead of being thankful for what you *do* get, you are placing yourself on very dangerous ground. If you don't eventually mature in your thinking processes towards God and His sovereignty, He will stop striving with you and just let you do all of the thinking and problem-solving for yourself. That is His punishment.

What is the consequence of this punishment? The very first consequence listed in these verses is homosexuality. Please read the entire chapter though, because more than likely you will notice several other consequences in the remainder of this chapter that you are tormented with as well. If your attitudes have been bad towards God long enough for Him to turn you over to a reprobate mind, you would be very lucky if you only had just one of the consequences. More than likely you have several. But the good news is you can be free from all of them.

Let's get back to the equation and the mathematical approach to finding the solution. If  $A + B = C$ , then the only way to change (C), or the answer to the equation or the outcome, is to change either A or B, or both. In this equation, the only thing that you have control over is the A part of the equation. The B part, God has control over, not you. God does not always have to give punishment. He can change punishment to reward, but He will not do it if you never change the A part of the equation. You **MUST** change your attitudes towards God. And most specifically, you must let Him **BE** God in your life, and you must stop trying to make Him your little servant, trying to get Him to do everything your way. And you must maintain an attitude of thanks and praise towards Him in all situations and all circumstances to keep your heart right towards Him and keep Him thoroughly involved in the process of making sure that you get what is best for you. Even when you are telling Him your problems, you have to "season" them with thanksgiving. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

# Why Are Attitudes So Important?

“Is that all I have to do?!!!” you say. “Just change my attitude?” That’s it! It is as simple as that. The only thing you have control over in all of this is your attitude. God has control over the punishment, and the consequence is the answer to the equation. Does the answer have to equal consequence? No, the answer can equal blessing instead of a cursing. If we put the new numbers into the equation, it looks like this. (A) My *good* attitudes towards God, and thankfulness + (B) God’s reward for my good attitudes = (C) blessings. BLESSINGS can be the answer instead. And the only difference between blessings and cursings, or blessings and consequences, is YOUR ATTITUDE. Your attitude will affect your actions and your approach towards God and cause you to seek Him and believe Him and His Word the right way or the wrong way.

Let’s look at some attitudes in the Old Testament section of the Bible that greatly affected the daily lives of the Israelites. Turn to Deuteronomy 28:47. It says, “Because thou served not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things.....” That verse describes the “attitude.” Not being happy about having to serve God or see things or do things His way is the bad attitude. Now, open the Bible to Deuteronomy 28 and beginning with verse 15, read about all of the curses that came upon the Israelites who had a bad attitude towards serving God. This is a very long chapter! The curses don’t end until you get through verse 68!

In other words, there are a ton of consequences for just one bad attitude towards God. Everybody gets a bad attitude in life now and then. Even I do. I get bad attitudes towards my job especially. I am a postal worker. Say no more! All of us are tempted to get bad attitudes now and then, but it is a very dangerous thing to allow a bad attitude to develop towards God.

If you are a homosexual today, I am going to have to assume that at some point in your life you became mad at God, disappointed at Him, or disgruntled at Him for not doing things your way. A lot of homosexuals were molested as children. Being molested did not make you gay, but if you became angry at God for Him allowing it, you opened yourself up to the consequence of being gay yourself. I know you tried to get God to help you understand “why” did this happen to you? God did not answer that question to your satisfaction, and you became angry at Him. Did you know that the Bible says that God has something BETTER than understanding to offer you? God wants to give you the “peace that SURPASSES all understanding.” Read Philippians 4:7 with me. It says, “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” As long as you are seeking UNDERSTANDING from God instead of PEACE, you will not be able to guard your hearts and minds and the attitudes that develop therein. Your foolish mind will become darkened in the process of trying to arm-wrestle God for understanding of why it happened to you. STOP TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY and just ask God to heal your broken heart and give you peace

“in spite of” what happened to you. If you ever want to change who you are and the consequences or cursings that you are dealing with, you **MUST** change your attitudes towards God and develop healthy, trusting attitudes.

After studying these verses and coming to the conclusion that attitudes were so important, I remembered several situations throughout my stepdaughter’s childhood where her personal attitudes towards God and her parents were so negative. Then I saw how the two negative attitudes over a prolonged period of time developed into her chaotic and vile identity issues. I remember a time when I purchased a truck for Linda to drive to school. I went to great length to get it cleaned up and running right, and I even put a new paint job on the truck and painted the rims to match the truck. The truck looked and ran great! After several weeks of her driving it back and forth to school, work, and to go out with her friends, I mentioned to her that it would be nice if I just heard her say thank you for my generosity. Instead of saying, “Thanks, Brian, for all the times you loaned me your truck,” all I got was, “Why *should* I? The heater doesn’t even work that good and it doesn’t have a CD player.” So I sold the truck and let her find another ride to school. That was her punishment or consequence for not having a thankful attitude towards me. Just like God, I cannot give out rewards for bad behavior and attitudes.

And there were several other situations with Linda where we would loan Linda her mother’s car or do something for her, or straighten her room for her while she was gone or something. Linda was never grateful but complained about why she could not have her own key to the car, why did we get her that color instead of another color, or, “Why did you go into ‘my’ room without permission?” (Of course, we told her we made the payments on the house and we don’t need permission to go into her room.) But overall, you get the idea: a typical, modern, ungrateful, and demanding teenager who was always scolding us for not letting her stay out later, and it’s OUR fault she missed her curfew because we told her she had to be home by eleven, instead of twelve, etc. And she never glorified God as God. She complained that God did not answer her prayers the way she wanted. It was not at all surprising when she began to struggle with vile affections and her sexual identity.

A few years ago, I had a conversation with my brother, who was Stanley’s office manager, and I shared some of the insight from these verses that I had seen. My brother’s eyes got bigger as he recognized the faults in Stanley’s life that contributed to him falling again. My brother told me that anytime something went wrong in the ministry, such as, somebody cancelled a speaking engagement Stanley was looking forward to, or the ministry van broke down, or the phone rang at the wrong time, or Stanley’s wife was bothering him about something, or his kids wanted this or that, or the offerings weren’t big enough, that Stanley would pout and carry on and throw some of the most pathetic little pity parties, and make a bigger mess than the one that was already there. He often magnified the problem over the sovereignty of God and lost his peace at the drop of a hat. My brother also said that Stanley was often ungrateful for some of the gifts he received from people who gave into his ministry. “This is the wrong color, not big enough, I wish they would have just given me cash and let me pick it out myself,” etc.

I personally spent numerous hours duplicating his teaching tapes and for a year, I typed the monthly newsletter which I transcribed from teaching tapes. Several months into it, I wondered if I was ever going to get a “thank you” for all of the hours I donated to his ministry. When I approached him for some words of affirmation, he informed me that I was no longer needed at the ministry. I never got my “thank you” but I got over it. I have received much appreciation and words of affirmation from the Lord and others in life whom I have served, and I have not suffered from that event. But it was the attitudes that Stanley had himself that eventually contributed to his falling back into homosexuality.

Like I said before, it is futile to try to erase a consequence in your life without dealing with the actions or attitudes that brought on the consequence. I am sure that there are numerous people in society who have tried, and tried, and TRIED to stop being gay, and have come to the conclusion that you can’t change yourself. The truth is you can’t change your consequence until you change your attitudes towards God. You will be bound forever in homosexuality as long as you have wrong attitudes and concepts of God and who He is and what He wants for your life. You cannot be mad at God and ungrateful for what He gives you in life and ever be free from homosexuality or any other sin, for that matter.

Make GOD, not your feelings, the Lord of your life on every level. Trust His sovereignty in your life. Stop murmuring and complaining, and develop a thankful personality. Start by being thankful for everything that you can possibly think of. You will be surprised how quickly your affections and passions change during this process.

# **The Proof is In the Pudding**

It had been a long, hard day at work again as usual, and as I got home, Deb seemed a little disturbed, and I asked her what was wrong. She said she had spent the day with Linda again, and as usual, got on the subject of Linda's lifestyle. Deb told me that she told Linda that she (Deb) was praying for her (to repent of the homosexual lifestyle), and Linda made some comments to Deb that upset her quite a bit. According to Deb, Linda said, "Mom, you might as well quit praying. If I even think about being with a boy, it is almost sickening. This (homosexuality) feels normal and right for me, and you might as well get used to it and accept me for who I am." Deb told her, "I won't accept you the way you are. I will keep praying for you and God will set you free someday, and my daughter will marry a godly, Christian man and they will raise babies together!" Linda just sneered at her and told her she was wasting her time.

This wasn't the only time the conversation between them went like this, but this time something lit up in me. I was provoked by what Linda said as well. And I also had a light come on inside of me. It was an idea. I thought about it a few days and then I discussed it with Debbie. It was an entirely new approach to the subject and a new way to see our daughter become normal. Finally, I told Debbie my idea. I told her, what if instead of addressing the "lifestyle/preference" issue head-on with Linda we bypassed the same arguments and addressed the real issues in Linda's life that brought about the consequence? She said, "What do you mean?" I said, "Stop arguing or discussing the homosexual issue or sexual preference issue, and instead focus **ONLY** on the two principles that bring on the consequence. Here I am, writing a book on how to be free from homosexuality, and we see in the Word that it is a consequence, and not a choice. And we also know exactly what leads to that consequence and how to reverse this consequence, so let's just practice it with Linda and see if it works. First of all, you know Linda is a perfect copy-cat of everything you do. All her life, she has acted just like you. She takes your traits and copies them verbatim, particularly your bad traits. And not only does she copy them, but she magnifies them. But the main point I am trying to make is that she learns from you. So, here is the plan. Stop talking to her about the sin of homosexuality and **START** talking to her about the two principles we are learning in Romans 1 that led to the consequence." She said, "Okay... What do you mean?"

"You have got to start getting her to acknowledge that God is God, and get her to be a more thankful person. If you do it in front of her and encourage her to do those two things, she just may stop having unnatural desires. If God's Word is true, we can reverse this thing by addressing the real issue instead of the consequence."

She said, "Okay, how do I do this?" Debbie and Linda worked together every Tuesday for the whole day. Debbie owns a cleaning business and on her heaviest day of the week, she hires Linda to work with her. So, they were together one day every week. I said to get her to acknowledge that God is God, try this: You know how when you two work together on Tuesdays, you often run into situations beyond your control where you are

tempted to get distressed, upset, or frustrated? Like during traffic jams, or when a client cancels on you at the last minute, or long lines at the store or restaurant, or other situations where in the past you became frustrated in front of Linda and vented in front of her. Instead, when you run into these situations, you are to take a deep breath and say out loud so she can hear you, “God, You are God, and you are bigger than this situation, and You have the answer to this problem. I acknowledge your sovereignty and I accept Your solution or the grace and patience to deal with it.” And the other principle you need to teach to her like this: Throughout the day, just stop and give thanks to God when things are going right for you. When you two eat lunch together, take extra time to give thanks for everything you can think of. Just practice thankfulness in front of her. Teach her to be thankful for what God does for her in life, even while she is living in sin. But if you will practice these two principles in front of her, -- acknowledging God as God, and being thankful for the abundance of all things -- if she copy-cats you on these good points and starts practicing them, then she is on her way to God rescuing her from her reprobate mind and reversing the consequences that go with it. I told Deb, “It’s worth a try. What do we have to lose? Just do it for a few months and see what happens. We have got to see if this Truth works. The proof is in the pudding. And if it works on somebody who says they don’t even *want* to be free from it and they want us to stop believing for God to change them, imagine how powerful it will be for somebody who actually DOES want to be free, and is looking for a way to get free from homosexuality?”

So, Deb started doing it. Every Tuesday, before Deb picked Linda up and took her to work with her, I reminded Deb to practice the two principles in front of Linda. Well, guess what happened? It has been about six months since I challenged Debbie to address the attitudes that lead to a reprobate mind, instead of arguing about the consequences, and today, as I write this chapter, our daughter Linda is currently dating a boy. And he’s not just any boy. She is dating a boy who regularly attends church with his family. His brother plays in a popular contemporary Christian band, and Linda just walked up to her mother two days ago and invited her to go to a Christian concert with her. This is the same child who six months ago said she wanted nothing to do with God or church or our beliefs, and swore she would always be gay. And now, here she is going to church, dating a boy, and inviting her mom to church with her to meet her new boyfriend. Oh, mind you, not everything is perfect yet. She still dons her “=” tattoo on her wrist, and has her “=” bumper sticker on her car, and still talks about equality for gay couples, but doesn’t it seem funny that she is still defending people’s rights on the issues but happens to have a different set of preferences or appetites now? The new godly principles she is mimicking from her mother are releasing her from the consequence, but her mind is still not completely squared away on the truth regarding the sin. But she will get there if she keeps going to church with her boyfriend. God will find a way to get everything in line together, but for now, she can’t stand hanging around her old “girlfriends” and seems to be enjoying her new routine instead.

We never tried to tackle her head-on about the wrongness of the sin or the consequence. Instead, we addressed the two main issues that lead TO the consequence. As I thought about it later, I remembered how throughout most of Linda’s childhood she was never thankful for anything we gave her. If we let her stay out until a certain time or go

somewhere, it was never, “Thank you for letting me have that extra time.” It was always her saying something that made us feel guilty for not giving her more. But there was never any thankfulness. If we loaned her the truck to drive, she was never thankful. She would always complain about something that was wrong with the truck, or how hard it was to handle, but never, “Thanks for letting me borrow the truck.” If she borrowed her mom’s Acura, which she loved to drive, she would never say thank you afterwards. She would just bring it home, park it, head off to bed, and she would always forget to put the keys on her mom’s desk like she was told, and instead, leave them in her purse so we would have to chase down the keys to get them back. If we gave her gifts, she would sneer at them or complain. And as far as the other principle, if anything went wrong in her day, she never prayed about it or accepted what happened as God’s sovereignty. She was always complaining about why God didn’t answer prayers the way she wanted Him to answer them.

I even remember one time on a vacation in Florida, where I sat on the beach with her and read Romans 1 to her, and told her if she did not begin to acknowledge God’s sovereignty more and be more thankful for stuff in life, that someday she might be turned over to a reprobate mind by God and suffer some consequences. And instead of her thanking me for sharing the Bible with her and caring about her, she screamed at me, “It’s my choice, What do you care?!!” I said, “Well, actually, it is your choice, but however you choose, there will either be blessings or consequences, so choose wisely.” Anytime we tried to share wisdom, correction, Bible verses, or pray with her, we always got sneered at, screamed at, or humiliated by her. She never appreciated any of the wisdom or insight we tried to share with her. She never accepted any of our authority. And it is no wonder that she eventually became a God-hating, parent-hating, homosexual. You cannot violate any godly principles in life without suffering the consequences for those wrong actions or attitudes.

Homosexuality is a consequence or “curse,” if you can believe, that comes upon people who do not acknowledge God as God, or His Word as absolute Truth, and who do not practice a lifestyle of thankfulness. But homosexuality is not the **only** consequence that goes with these attitudes. It is just the main consequence that I am addressing in this book, because I don’t see anybody out there giving the right answers on the subject. Also, just because you are not a homosexual, does not mean that you have not been turned over to a reprobate mind by God. Go on and read the rest of Romans, chapter 1, and see the other curses/consequences that go along with bad attitudes towards God. If any of those consequences sound like you, correct the two principles that I talk about in this book, and you will see a change in your situation as well.

Do you hate your parents and don’t understand why, and no matter how hard you try, you cannot get along with them or respect them? Then try acknowledging more of God’s sovereignty in your life instead of being mad at God because He doesn’t do everything the way you want Him to. Also, just start being more thankful for the good things in your life. Do these two things and watch your attitude towards your parents change drastically. You might even be able to love them the way you want to, but have not yet been able to in your own strength.

Any sin, consequence, or curse that you find in the latter part of this chapter that plagues you, can be removed from your life by practicing glorifying God as God and living a thankful lifestyle before Him. You would not believe how much power there is in a right attitude towards God. If you don't believe me, then conduct your own experiment. Just practice what I am saying to do for six months and see if there is a change in your circumstances. Then, please write me. I want to hear your testimonies.

# Judgment or Tolerance?

Some time ago, I heard an update on Stanley. Now that he was no longer free from homosexuality, he had started travelling around the country and evangelizing at “gay churches.” He had also bragged that the offerings in gay churches were often much better than what he used to receive in regular churches. So, is he evangelizing for profit or out of obedience to God? Evidently he has changed his message on the grace of God. Stanley used to have a teaching series on the grace of God. In that series, he defined grace as, “God’s ability to do in you what you are not able to do yourself.” In that definition, he was referring to God planting in you HIS ability to avoid temptations and sinning. Now, Stanley is going around teaching that grace is God’s acceptance or tolerance of where you are at, but covering your sins with His blood so you no longer have to feel condemned for being who you are. It sounds nice and religious, but that is not in the Bible. That is not the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a perfect example of a reprobate mind; that is, a mind that has been turned over to a man’s way of thinking, instead of a mind that accepts what the Word says on each subject. Man’s “reasoning” ability can totally get in the way of receiving from God.

Every once in a while I would get into a conversation with my stepdaughter, Linda, and I would usually wait until she brought it up, but we would have conflict over her “lifestyle” and get into a conversation about it. She usually opened the door for it by being in our home at the time and bragging about some relationship she was having with a girl or talking openly about the kinds of girls she liked to date. So, I figured if she was going to be open about her beliefs, I would be open about mine. The conversation usually ended the same way. She would call me a hypocrite and say to me that if I was a Christian, I would be more loving and acceptable and tolerant of who she was, and just love her the way she is. Then she would usually say, “Even Jesus dined with sinners.”

A lot of Christians today are confused about our approach to sin, particularly on the topic of homosexuality. People are also afraid of getting too involved for fear of being politically incorrect. I believe that the Bible clearly lays out for us what our approach should be, and also a very clear approach that Jesus took towards sin. I would like to use this chapter to clarify and re-define what our boundaries and purpose should be. Some might be saying, “Do you really want to go there?” I say, “YES, I REALLY WANT TO GO THERE!” Fasten your seat belts and hang on!

I want to start with the Great Commission. Look at Luke 24:47 with me. This is the story where Jesus joined two men walking along the road and joined them for an evening meal and then, they realized it was Jesus. Jesus then appeared to the disciples afterwards and ate some fish and then gave them one final instruction before ascending into Heaven. His one final instruction was not, “Be nice to people, show them you care, listen to them and be understanding, show the love of God by accepting where they are at and don’t judge people or preach at them.” Actually the last words out of Jesus’ mouth before He ascended was, “...and that *repentance* for forgiveness of sins should be preached in (Jesus’) name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Jesus did not give us a

commission to be tolerant, but to preach *repentance* in His name. Well, does that mean I have to “judge” sin in order to preach the Gospel? I personally haven’t found any other way around it. If sin is something we are supposed to accept and tolerate, and God somehow does too, why bother preaching to lost sinners in the first place if it is okay for them to stay where they are at?

Let’s also look at Matthew 11:11. Jesus said, “Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist.” (Wow! I wish Jesus would say that about me.) Well, who was John the Baptist and why would Jesus honor him with a statement like that? Let’s find out. In Matthew chapter 3, it talks about who John the Baptist was and what he was like. Starting with verse 1, “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Verse 7 goes on to say, “But when he (John) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.”

So Jesus gives the greatest honor to any man ever born to somebody who was “very judgmental.” The word “judge” is a dirty word to people who need judgment, not people who have already repented. What did John judge? He judged sin and sinners who wanted God’s favor and acceptance without showing a true repentance for their sin. Well, if Jesus honored John’s approach to sinners, maybe we should consider the same approach as well.

You say, “But I don’t want to judge people, lest I be judged.” Have you ever read 1 Corinthians 6:3? It says, “Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more, the things that pertain to this life?” In other words, if we are going to be judging angels in the life to come, we are supposed to learn how to judge now in this life the things that are pertaining to this life. So don’t be afraid, go for it! The Bible says we are supposed to be an exposed lamp, not a hidden one. A lamp sheds light into the darkness. It doesn’t hide itself when around darkness. Those who are bound in darkness will never go free if they do not hear a word of truth. The Bible says, “you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you FREE.” It doesn’t say, you shall “feel the love” and the goose-bumps shall set you free.

Let’s get real “deep” with this one. Read 1 Cor. 2:9-16. Specifically, verses 14 and 15 say, “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” What does this mean? A spiritual, born-again man, backed by the truth of God’s word, has the right to judge ALL THINGS, and that definitely includes sin and specifically homosexuality. And then they throw in there, ‘yet he himself is judged of no man’. Why is that? If a spiritual man is standing on the word and truth, and a man judges him (the spiritual man)

with man's wisdom and understanding that is not right according to God's word, then his (the carnal man's) judgment means absolutely nothing!

The bible also says that, "Lot's righteous soul was vexed with the "perversion" of Sodom and Gomorrah". What was the sin of Sodomy and Gomorrah? It was primarily homosexuality. And what does "vexed" mean? It means disturbed, nauseated, or "puked out"! If your soul is RIGHTEOUS, you will be nauseated and puked-out by homosexuality. If you have become "tolerant" and acceptable of this sin, and it doesn't bother you anymore, then check your soul. It is no longer righteous, according to God's word. You no longer have a "right" way of thinking, or attitude towards this abomination called homosexuality.

But didn't Jesus dine with sinners? Yes, the Bible does say that He did eat with sinners from time to time. But at the same time He was eating, He was preaching to them the Gospel that sets people free. He wasn't just saying, "Pass the bagels, and how's the weather?" Jesus maintained control of the conversation, and stayed focused on His agenda. You can take a bite of food, and then judge sin, and tell people the way to repentance and freedom. Jesus did not say to sinners, "Oh, you poor thing. Everything's okay, I still love you." Nobody ever got set free with pity. The Bible says that Jesus was moved with compassion for the crowd, and then He healed all who were sick and cast out all of the unclean spirits in people who were vexed with unclean, sexually-perverted devils. And if that was Jesus' approach to people who were bound in sexual perversion, that is what we are to do as well. "I don't believe that! Where is that in the Bible? That sounds new to me." Well, you're not the only one it sounds new to. Let's read Mark 1:27, or Luke 4:36 together. It says, "And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves saying, what thing is this? What **new** doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth He even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him." Then let's read Mark 6:7. "And He called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits." You say that this was just for the disciples to do, not you. Okay, let's read Mark 16:17; "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name shall they cast out devils." According to Jesus, if you are a believer, you are supposed to be casting out unclean, sexually-perverted demons, not agreeing with them and tolerating them and accepting their behavior or beliefs, or patting people on the back who are bound with unclean spirits, and saying, "It's okay, Jesus still loves you." You might say, "Well, God gave **them (the disciples)** POWER to do that, but I don't have that kind of power." Okay, let's go back to the Great Commission, and read it in its entirety this time.

The very last sentence out of Jesus' mouth prior to His ascension was not actually 'tell them to repent.' It was, (verse 49) "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; BUT TARRY YE IN JERUSALEM UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH." You might say, "I can't afford to go to Jerusalem, my car won't make it, and I can't afford the airfare." Your own individual Jerusalem is your local church or prayer closet. Get alone with God until you have the power you need in your life to share the true Gospel of repentance and deliverance, and quit diluting the Gospel to sinners just

so that they won't feel uncomfortable around you. A message of pity and tolerance is not going to set anybody free.

One more thought. Am I saying that you HAVE to get rough and assertive with people in order to get their attention? No, I am not advocating that as the formula for preaching the gospel. The first choice is to be gracious, loving and compassionate. But if being polite and naïve gets you trampled on, don't be afraid to be blunt and to the point. There is no real formula for HOW to relay the truth. The main thing is to be led by the Spirit of God. Let HIM direct you on how to do it.

Somebody who wants to know the truth and be free, will respond positively no matter which way you use. And somebody who DOESN'T want to be free, will NOT respond positively no matter which style you use. How do I know that? Because Jesus said so! When and where did he say that? In Matthew 11:16-19. Jesus said in that passage: "But Whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, and saying, 'we have piped unto you, and you have not danced; we have mourned unto you and you have not lamented'. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and ye say, 'he hath a devil'. The son of man came eating and drinking, and ye say, 'Behold a man gluttonous and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners'. But wisdom is justified of her children."

What is he saying? He is saying that when John the Baptist came, he used the assertive and direct approach, and the people who didn't want to know truth and wisdom made up their excuse for not receiving the truth. And when Jesus came, he used the 'get sociable' and be friendly approach, and the people who didn't want to know truth and wisdom made up their excuses for not receiving the truth through that approach as well. If somebody doesn't want to be free, it doesn't matter what you do or say, you are going to be berated. If somebody is looking for a way out, they will not make excuses, they will be receptive to whichever way the Lord leads you to share the truth with them. So don't be so concerned about HOW you approach somebody. Just go out and approach them, and say what comes to you to say, and say it the way it comes out.

If you sense that somebody would rather spend their time correcting you for HOW you are sharing the truth with them, instead of focusing on the content of the truth that you are sharing, then be quick to discern whether or not your time would be better spent moving on to someone or something else to do with your time. If they don't want to hear what you got to say, just move on. Don't waste time defending yourself. Look for that individual who WANTS to be free, and just say what needs to be said, however it needs to be said. Or, maybe come back later and see if they are more receptive. Don't stay in a situation where the individual that you are trying to help, is entertaining himself with just irritating and frustrating you. Use your time wisely. "Wisdom is justified of her children."

Now just because I am showing you biblically, that it is okay to judge sin in homosexual's lives, and address their wrong, and get honest and assertive; it does not mean that it is okay to be arrogant and mean-spirited toward somebody. Keep in mind

that it is important to attack the problem and not the person. Paul tells us in Galatians 6:1, “Brethren, if a man (woman) be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” And Paul also tells us in Ephesians 4:29, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

Do not condescend to a person who is bound in sin. Speak to them in such a way that (it ministers grace unto them) builds within them the desire to change. Make every effort to give them the impression that you are genuinely concerned and compassionate for them as a human. You can be just as ugly as you want to towards the devil, and just as truthful and honest as you want to be about the sin itself, but make sure that you use wisdom, so that the individual does not feel as if you are expressing hostilities toward them. Exercise the fruits of the spirit towards them, so that they will develop the desire to change or at least openly consider the truths that you are making them aware of. Remember, it is God’s kindness that leads us to repentance.

# Doctrines of Devils

One of the main weapons or techniques that the devil uses to first; bind people in a homosexual lifestyle, and then keep them bound, is to instill a belief or a “doctrine” into the minds of those he seduces, that what they are doing is “all right”. He does this with any sin. He doesn’t go around devouring people by saying, “okay, we both know this is wrong, but go ahead and do it anyway”. He started out in the Garden of Eden by seducing people into believing it’s all right to do something that God said, “don’t do”. “Go ahead and eat the apple, there’s nothing wrong with it.” Go ahead and do it just this once, there is nothing wrong with it.” “Go ahead and practice this behavior, you and I know there is nothing really wrong with it, because it’s not really hurting anybody.”

Telling you that there is nothing wrong with doing something, is showing you a belief, or a doctrine. And another doctrine that he uses to seduce people, is the doctrine of “justification”. He says, “well, it’s okay to do this, because ‘they’ do (etc.) and that is wrong too. What makes them think they can go to heaven, when they are doing (etc.) and that is wrong, and then condemning me for doing what I want to. All sin is the same.”

In order to be pulled into the bondage of sin and defeat, the devil knows he has to seduce you, and develop a thought in your head or establish a principal or belief that what you are about to do, really is okay, or isn’t so bad.

So, what I would like to do in this chapter, is attack some of the doctrines of the devil that have allowed people to be enticed into the sin of homosexuality, and also the man-made doctrines that keep them bound.

I have heard some people say to me, “the word ‘homosexual’ does not appear in the original translation of the bible from the Hebrew to English. And their argument with me is, “if the word isn’t in the bible, then it must not be a sin.” I want to attack this from two positions.

First of all, the word ‘cannibal’ is not in the original translation either. But it *does* describe the activity and condemn it. The word ‘serial-killer’ does not appear in the original translation of the bible. This does not mean the bible condones being a ‘serial-killer’. The bible does address the subject of killing and condemns it, whether it is one person or many. The word ‘computer-hacker’ does not appear in the original translation of the bible, but the bible does address the topic of cheating and defrauding, and the bible condemns this behavior. The word ‘bestiality’ does not appear in the original translation, but the act is condemned in Leviticus 18:23 and Leviticus 20:16. The word ‘lesbian’ does not appear in the original translation of the bible from Hebrew to English, but the act is described and condemned in Romans, chapter 1. The word ‘ponzi-scheme’ does

not appear in the original translation of the bible, but I am sure that the majority of the homosexuals that are defending their behavior are at the same time condemning and outspoken against the guy who “made off” with a lot of other people’s money through cheating. And the bible does condemn this type of behavior. Just because a certain ‘word’ does not appear in the original translation of the bible from Hebrew to English, does not make it okay in God’s eyes to do something. The word ‘decapitator’ is not in the original translation of the bible, but I dare you to purchase a samurai sword and start practicing that behavior, and see where it gets you.

My other thought is this. Even though this particular English word may not appear in the original translation, it does not mean that the bible does not describe or condemn the behavior. Here are verses in the bible that address the behavior, but do not specifically use the word ‘homosexual’.

In Leviticus 20:13, it reads; “And if a man also lie with a man, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.” Now under the new covenant, with Jesus as our redeemer, we escape being “stoned” to death, but we do not escape going to hell if we do not repent of the sin, and change. And also in Romans, chapter 1, it describes and condemns this behavior, and describes it as a consequence of a reprobate, or “God-hating” mind.

I want to point out something here that also defeats another “Doctrine of the Devil” that I often hear from people. They say, “All sin is the same....etc.” in an effort to justify their homosexuality. Well, every once in a while in the bible, we see the word ‘abomination’. This means, here is something here that God “REALLY hates”. And as we read these passages in Leviticus, as we go down the list we see one sin after another described, until we get to the one where God describes the behavior of homosexuality, and in essence, he is saying, “now here’s one I REALLY hate”, when he says the word abomination. There is sin that God doesn’t like, and then there is sin that God hates, and then there is sin he *really* hates, and when he is describing one of those sins, he uses the word “abomination”. The word abomination is also used again in Proverbs 6:16, which reads; “These 6 things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination to him.” That means he really hates it. So, I don’t believe it when I hear the words, “all sin is the same”, as an excuse that justifies the homosexual behavior. Now, all sin condemns us to hell, if we do not repent of it and turn from our wicked ways, but there are some sins that God hates more than others, and homosexuality is one of them. It says so right here in Leviticus.

I once had somebody tell me that David and Jonathon of the Old Testament were homosexuals. They showed me a verse where they kissed one another and wept; and another verse where they were “one soul”. Well, I know of a lot of men who have kissed one another, and yet they are not homosexuals. In some cultures men kiss each other as a greeting. Family members may kiss one another once in awhile, and it does not make them homosexual. I am 50 years old, and once in awhile I kiss my sons on the head, and I know for a fact that I am not a homosexual.

One of my favorite past-times is watching cage fighting on television. From time to time, I will see competitors from other countries, who will kiss each other and embrace one another after a fight. If you accuse them of being homosexual, watch out, I feel sorry for you!

What about “one soul”? There is a saying throughout the black community, “soul brother”, and many of them call each other “my soul brother”. I’ll bet if you ask them if they have sex with their soul brother, you will need to schedule a visit to the dentist afterwards. Ask Quinton “Rampage” Jackson, who might refer to himself as a “soul brother”, if he is a homosexual. I hope you know how to “tap-out”, and I hope there is a large referee around to pull Rampage off of you after you do try to “tap-out”.

When the bible describes 2 people having sex, it will use the phrase, “lie with one another”, or the phrase, “one flesh”. These expressions clearly identify sexual activity between 2 individuals. When the bible uses the term “one soul”, it simply means we are “soul brothers”, or we are in unity, or we are in this thing together! These verses about Jonathon and David, in no way do they represent the behavior of homosexuality.

Then somebody else showed me a verse in the bible where Jonathon removed his tunic and his sword and handed it to David in a ritualistic manner. And he said, “If they were not homosexual, then why was Jonathon removing his clothes in front of David?” Well, we don’t know that he DID get totally naked, because they may have had underwear back then, just like we do now. But even if he did strip totally nude in this ritual, that is not definite proof that they were homosexual. I’m not a Jewish rabbi, so I don’t understand the intricacies of this ritual myself. But I do know, that just because a guy gets naked in front of another guy is not proof he is a homosexual.

When I was in junior high school and high school, my P.E. coach, and also my baseball coach, and my basketball coach, and my cross country coach all had this one ritual called, “gets da stank off da Joe Dirt before you go back to class” ritual. In this ritual, several boys would crowd into a small open room, in front of an area with 8 shower spigots, and they would get totally naked, and line up behind each other in front of these shower spigots, and take turns getting wet. Now in the 6 years that I practiced the “gets da stank off da Joe Dirt” ritual with all of these other guys, I never had sex with any of them, and I never saw any of them having sex with each other. And the fact that our coaches made us perform this ritual, made NONE of us homosexual.

Somebody else asked me, “Well if homosexuality is such a bad sin, and such an important topic in the bible, how come Jesus didn’t have anything to say about it?” Well, sometimes actions speak louder than words. And when Jesus came across somebody with an unclean (sexually perverted) spirit, he didn’t just talk about it, he cast the spirit out of them, even when they didn’t want to come out. I want to tie this in with the next question I will address.

“Well, didn’t Jesus come to this planet to love everybody, even the homosexuals? Why are you judging them, when Jesus didn’t judge them, he loved them?” I would like to

take you to the part of the bible where Jesus defined his ‘mission statement’ on this earth, and I can’t find the word love in his ‘mission statement’. Let’s read it together. Luke 4:16-21 reads, “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ‘the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach *deliverance* to the *captives*, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.’ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

Nowhere in those passages does Jesus declare that he came to love on everybody and make them feel goose bumps. But one thing that he DID say he came to do was preach DELIVERANCE to the CAPTIVES. In his very own missions statement, Jesus said, “You can be free!!!!” Then guess what? In that very same chapter, and the very next thing that Jesus did with his life, as recorded here, was to leave that temple, and travel to another temple in Galilee, where he began teaching again. Immediately when he began teaching in that synagogue, a man possessed with an unclean spirit cried out to Jesus, (v. 34) “Leave me alone! It’s none of your business how I want to live my life! Have you come here to ruin my life and destroy me?” It sounds to me like that guy didn’t necessarily want to get out of his sin. What’s funny is I have heard these exact same words somewhere else myself. And if you have somebody in your household or acquaintance, who doesn’t want to be free, you have probably heard this similar line yourself.

Well, another thing that is funny, is that Jesus didn’t stand there and argue with him or get into a conversation with him to convince him that he loved him, he did something that “shocked” the people that were watching. Instead of saying to the man bound with an unclean spirit, “I love you”, he rebuked him, and then said, “SHUT UP AND COME OUT OF HIM!!!” The unclean spirit came out of the man, and everyone watching was shocked, and said, “What manner of speech is this?” In other words, “I can’t believe he said that.” Then they said, “For with authority and power He *commands* the foul spirits and they come out!” Wow, Jesus doesn’t waste any time trying to convince somebody he loves them, he gets loud, forceful and even says, SHUT UP!

So, immediately after Jesus declared his purpose on this planet, he also demonstrated it by setting somebody free from a perverted spirit, INSTEAD OF getting into a conversation with them, and “showing the love”. Sometimes we waste too much time trying to convince somebody that we love and accept them, or why they need to come out of their sin, and their bondage. We need to just say it’s time to shut up now, and let’s pray. And we need to use the power and authority of the name of Jesus to forcefully cast the unclean spirits out of people’s lives. There’s way too much pillow talk between the church and today’s captives and not enough ‘getting down to business,’ like Jesus did.

You CAN do it. Read Mark 16:17. It says, “These signs shall follow them that believe, in my (Jesus’) name, they (meaning you) shall cast out devils....”

## Jesus Defines Marriage

A lot of people today are spending a lot of time and tax-payer’s dollars, trying to decide what the true meaning of marriage is. It doesn’t matter how many different versions you come up with, or how many laws are passed, you are not going to change God’s mind on this topic. If people want to live in a perverted relationship with somebody (or something) else, and forfeit eternity in Heaven, then by all means go ahead and do it, but DON’T DRAG GOD INTO IT, because he won’t condone it, no matter how many earthly judges do. If every court on the planet legalizes homosexual marriage, it is not going to affect God one bit. Someday he will judge the whole world. And it’s not the other way around, like some would like. The world is not going to judge God, no matter how hard they try.

So since God’s opinion is the only one that really counts in the end, it wouldn’t hurt for us to know exactly what his plan is, so that we could either conform to it, or reject it and suffer the consequences.

So, here it is. The verses are found in Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus said, “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

Let’s break it down now. The word ‘man’ (for this cause shall a ‘man’) here comes from the greek word, “anthropos”. The meaning of the word “anthropos” is, ‘a human being, and certainly a man’. Then the word for wife (cleave to his ‘wife’) in the greek is, “gune”, pronounced “goonay”. And the meaning of that word is, “a woman, and specifically a wife or a woman.” So God is saying here that he is being very specific. He is talking about *specifically* a human male, and *specifically* a human female. He is not leaving anything open for interpretation. And the greek word for one ‘flesh’ here is “sarx”. This is where we get the word sex from. And the definition for the greek word “sarx” is, ‘stripped down to the skin, with kindred human nature of passions and human carnality, or fleshly’. That sounds like sarx to me!

So God says, this is the marriage union that I bless or sanction. It is specifically a human male, and specifically a human female, getting naked and having sarx. Oh, and there is one more item here. He says they have to ‘cleave’. The greek word here for cleave is “proskollao”. And the meaning of that is, ‘to stick like glue, that is, to adhere to and join

oneself to'. So God is not talking about a one night stand here, he means once you have sarx, you are stuck together for life.

And then Jesus goes on to say, "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder." Everybody has a kind of worldly perception of what this means, but what I think God is saying here is, "what God has declared as the marriage union, it doesn't matter that man tries to tear down, or diminish, or misconstrue the meaning of the marriage bond, because it doesn't matter to God. What I (God) say is marriage is marriage, and there is nothing you (man) can do to change my mind, or change what real marriage is. I (God) say so!!!!" The great "I Am", says, "Here's how IT IS!!!"

Jesus doesn't waste a lot of time in the gospels going over each individual sin, or alternative sexual situation and declaring that all these other versions are wrong. He only states what the ONE type of situation is that is right, and doesn't waste any breath going over all of the ones that are wrong.

It's kind of like a dollar bill. I heard that when bank tellers or money handlers are trained to recognize the difference between a real dollar bill, and a counterfeit dollar bill, that they do not spend any time studying or memorizing what the fake ones look like. Instead, they spend hours upon hours studying and memorizing what the REAL THING looks like, and then it is easy to recognize the fake or counterfeit when they see it. Memorize the definition of marriage in Matthew 19:4-6, and then you will be able to identify the fake or counterfeit marriage or union when you see it.

Satan is a counterfeiter. For everything that God has created for us to enjoy, Satan comes up with a counterfeit. Instead of a marriage union between a man and a woman like God intended, Satan offers us a host of other alternatives, and tries to convince us to be happy with the "fake". Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit would be our great comforter. Satan tells us we need a cigarette, or a glass of wine, or some liquor or beer, or drugs, or any number of other things to calm us down (momentarily), instead of letting us go to the REAL THING for comfort. He has an entire array of "fake" comforts to entice us with, and keep us from enjoying everything that God has created and intended for us to have and enjoy.

God offers us prosperity and blessing, and Satan offers us greed. God offers us health and healing and perfect peace, and Satan offers us sickness, pain, and anti-depressants.

If you ask God for his help, he will deliver you from all of the fake garbage in life that Satan has offered you as his substitute, and God will bring you into the freedom to enjoy everything that he has created, in the way he intended for you to enjoy it. And you can also have peace while you are partaking of God's pleasures. Did you say God offers us pleasures? That's right! My favorite verse in the bible is Psalms 16:11, and it says, "God will show you the path of life, in his presence is FULLNESS of joy, and at his right hand are PLEASURES FOREVERMORE!" What little pleasure you are getting out of the garbage Satan has trapped you into does not last forevermore. Some day you will be depressed, diseased, and even dead. No more pleasure after dead. The wages of sin is

death. But the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And Jesus came to give us life, and life MORE ABUNDANTLY, in this life, and in the one to come.

Quit fooling around with the temporal garbage Satan offers you, and start enjoying the real deal from God that lasts forevermore.

# Anointing for Freedom

Now, let's say at this point while you are reading this that you are somebody who is vexed with an unclean spirit and you really do desire to be free. You've tried to get free by yourself and you have gotten your mind corrected on the two attitudes that lead to a reprobate mind, but you are STILL struggling with wrong sexual feelings. You might ask, "Do I have a devil?" The truth is that you might have. Once you have yielded to sin over and over again and have numbed your own conscience to the point that you just give in whenever the desire arises, you are in danger of letting an unclean spirit enter into you. Demons can't just enter whoever they want; they have to have permission. Each time you say, "Okay, let's do it," to a wrong sexual temptation, you are giving Satan or a devil or demon permission to come into you at some point and just take over that area of your life. It's like giving them the steering wheel or driver's seat to your sex life. It feels like you have no more control over the feelings yourself, and the feelings just "take you over" and you have no control over them. This is evidence of being possessed by an unclean spirit. You will know if you have one, because the last sentence is something that you have experienced and can totally identify with.

Okay, so now you want to be free, but none of the Christians you know are sharing the real Gospel with you and you know they don't have the "power" to help you get free. Where can you go? Well, I will tell you this: Each time in the New Testament that Jesus entered into a village, it says He "healed all who were sick, and set free all who were oppressed of devils." It doesn't say He went to this village and healed the sick, and the next day, He went over here somewhere and on that day He flowed in the deliverance anointing and cast out devils. NO, they both operated simultaneously. In other words, the same power or anointing that heals is the same anointing that will set you free from an unclean spirit. So, if you go to the yellow pages and don't see a church ad that reads, "We cast out devils," then just look for a church that prays for the sick and the sick actually **do** get healed. If you are looking for a church that believes in these powers or anointing, you can generally find this under a "Word" church, or look for the word "Rhema" somewhere in the ad. If I have just offended some churches by not endorsing them, then you will have to forgive me, but this book is about getting some people free, not about making friends with anybody or any denomination. Some churches 'git-er-done' and some churches don't. It's as simple as that. And if yer not getting' er done now, maybe it's time to "cowboy up", and start teaching your congregation how to really rodeo when it comes to sharing Christ.

Let me show you another verse that confirms this. Let's look at Luke 6:18, 19. It says, ".....And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him: for there went virtue (not pity) out of Him, and healed

them all.” That verse says that Jesus “healed” them that were vexed with unclean spirits. So, healing and deliverance both flow out of the same “virtue” or power or anointing or whatever words that you wish to use for it. But ONE anointing performs many different tasks. ONE virtue will heal, deliver, prosper, give wisdom, or whatever you need. You find a church where Christ’s virtue or anointing flows to heal, and you will also receive your deliverance there. Look for a church that heals and you will find the power to set you free from an unclean spirit that you are possessed or vexed by, as well.

If the phone book does not give you enough information to find this kind of church, just go down the list and make phone calls and ask, “Do you heal the sick and cast out devils in your church?” If boldness rises up in the voice of the person you are speaking to and they adamantly say ‘yes,’ then go to that church. But if the person on the other end of the line starts stuttering and answers your question with another question, hang up quickly and move on.

Jesus judges sin, but He doesn’t stop there. He heals and delivers those who acknowledge the truth and repent. Let’s start doing it Jesus’ way instead of the religious way or the “tolerance” approach. Jesus said, “I have come to set the captives free.” He didn’t say, “I have come to accept the captives, right where they are at, and make them feel loved.” So, let’s stop being “namby-pamby” and start preaching the way John the Baptist did. You need to stop being afraid of being persecuted for your beliefs. The Bible says you shall suffer some persecution in this world, but be of good cheer for (Jesus Christ) has overcome the world, and He will make you more than a conqueror as well.

## **Fruits Meet for Repentance**

I want to go back to a verse in Matthew 3:7 and 8 and comment on something that John the Baptist said. John said, “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come? BRING FORTH FRUIT MEET FOR REPENTANCE.” I want to talk about what that means. What does ‘fruit’ mean in this sentence? Generally in the Bible, our fruit represents our evidence or our behavior. It is our actions or attitudes that determine our ‘fruit’ or our ‘evidence.’ You can have good fruit and you can have bad fruit. You can have a good attitude or you can have a bad attitude. You can make a good choice and you can make a bad choice. You can make a right choice and you can make a wrong choice. Are you following me yet?

The word “meet” in this verse means proof or worthiness. John is saying, “Show me some evidence that proves you have repented.” Show me an action, attitude or choice, that is worthy of (God believing that) you are truly repentant. In other words, it is not just enough to say, “I’m sorry,” to God. You have to say, “I’m sorry for doing it my way instead of your way, and I am going to CHANGE and start doing it Your way. I am going to PROVE that I want to be forgiven for my sins by STOPPING sin in my life. I am not going to do it anymore!”

When we are forgiven of our sins, it doesn’t mean we can continue doing them and now they are covered under the blood and it is suddenly okay to do it. More specifically, I am saying to homosexuals that you cannot ask Christ to forgive you of homosexual sin and then continue engaging in the sin with God’s blessing. This is the message that is preached in homosexual churches and by people like my old friend, Stanley. You say, “Well, who are you to say so?” And I say, “I’m nobody to say so.” But the Bible is the Truth that I want to represent here, for it only can set you free.

In the Bible, there was an example of Jesus catching somebody in a sin, and it clearly describes that event in the Book of John, chapter 8. It is the story of the adulteress. The crowd was about to stone her for committing adultery, and Jesus intervened by saying to the crowd, “If you are without sin yourself, you may cast a stone at her.” The crowd dispersed, and no one cast a stone.

Does this story teach that we are not to accuse or judge people in sin? No, it just says don’t kill them for it (the sin). We are to minister forgiveness and deliverance to them, just like the forgiveness and deliverance that we received when we were sinners. But we are allowed to judge.

The real punch line I want to point out, though, is this: Jesus told the adulteress, “Go and sin no more.” GO AND SIN NO MORE! GO AND SIN NO MORE!!! There. Did you

hear it that time? Jesus does not say you can repent and keep committing sin. And if He told an adulteress to go and sin no more, does that mean that a homosexual has to go and sin no more? Well, it *does* mean that, if you want to be forgiven of your sins. The Bible says to ‘show forth fruit meet for repentance,’ so that means show God some evidence that you really want to be forgiven and stop committing the sin of homosexuality. You cannot continue in sin and be forgiven for it at the same time. Repentance means changing what you do. That means stop. That means, “Go and sin no more.” That means don’t do it anymore. Some want to interpret it as, “Go (ahead and do it) and I (Christ) won’t look upon it as sin anymore.”

If you want Jesus’ forgiveness of sins and you want the confidence of knowing that you are going to go to Heaven and be with Christ, you have to come to Jesus with the attitude that you are no longer going to be a homosexual, and you are determined to let God be Lord over your affections and allow you to be changed into the being that He created you to be. And God did not ‘create’ men to love men, or women to love women. You have to be willing to change. You have to be willing to show ‘fruit that is meet for repentance.’ You have to be willing to allow God to change you back to a heterosexual being. You have to want to go ‘straight.’ I thought that it was interesting in the story of John the Baptist, where John said, ”Make his paths straight.” And often, people who are not homosexual are referred to as ‘straight.’ John is saying that beyond saying that you are sorry, you have to be willing to straighten some things out in your life. But the fact that you have read this far into the book already, it is pretty evident that you want to get some things straightened out in your life.

You say, “Why do I have to change from being a homosexual?” Well, you don’t, unless, of course, you want God’s forgiveness for your sin and your goal is Heaven. It clearly states in 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10; “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God! Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.”

So one motivation for being free from homosexuality might be what we have previously discussed, which is a desire to be free from the vexation or torment of knowing that you are in rebellion against God, or that you want to be free from a tormenting, unclean, sexually-perverted demon. But another, even higher, motivation is just the desire to be able to enter into the kingdom of Heaven. People who are bound by a homosexual sin or demon know that there are two torments or hells: The hell that they are living now in this life, and the hell they have to look forward in the life to come. These are two really strong motivations for wanting to be free from homosexuality, and I don’t care which motivation drives you the most, either one of them is a good reason to read this book and apply its principles, and get free from a lifestyle of homosexuality.

I think that it is kind of funny that homosexuals refer to themselves as “gay”. To me “gay” means happy. It might be true that when homosexuals are out in public, or around friends that they behave in a giddy, gay way. But all of the homosexuals that I have gotten to know, have at one point or another expressed that they were miserable at times,

even tormented. And most of them struggle with depression. It is interesting to note that our daughter Linda, who says she is “gay”, wants us to put her back on our insurance so that she can afford anti-depressants. LOL!!!! If you are gay (happy), what do you need with anti-depressants? DUH!!!! Maybe, you are not gay after all. I once heard someone say, we should call homosexuals “sads”, instead of “gays”. I believe it would be more appropriate. But rather than being worried about what people call you in this life, I think that it would be even more important to make sure that Jesus does not refer to you as “toast” on Judgment Day.

Every time Linda tried to get us to help her get anti-depressants, we reminded her of what Isaiah says, “Put on a garment of praise for a spirit of heaviness”. Worship God and he will chase all of the ‘spirits’ of heaviness or demons out of your life, and set you free from sin. It’s as simple as that.

Why do ‘gays’ need anti-depressants? Please people find a more appropriate nick-name. Or even better yet, let God perform a miracle in your life, and call yourself happy and heterosexual, like God created you to be. At this juncture, I will probably be accused of not being very compassionate. The truth is, I am very compassionate for the persons who desire to repent and change, but my righteous soul is “vexed” by the homosexuals who are arrogant, defensive, and blatantly anti-truth, or anti-Christ with their beliefs. I have no compassion for the defiant, and they are the fools that I challenge with these provoking sentiments.

But, may God help you and give you His grace to repent and change. Grace is God’s ability in you to do what you are not able to do on your own. He will help you, once you make the decision. The hardest part of it all is acknowledging God’s Word and Truth as a higher authority than your own affections and feelings, and making the decision to do it His way instead of your own.

## **THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING (AGAIN!) Or: How to STAY Free From Homosexuality**

It has been several months now since I wrote the chapter, “The Proof Is In the Pudding”. In that chapter, I shared with you how we pulled Linda back towards normal, natural affections by getting her to emulate her mother through proper attitudes towards God. Well, even though it did “straighten” her out for awhile, since her mind and heart were not really into the truths that homosexuality was sin, she has strayed back into the lifestyle.

How did it happen? You guessed it. She re-developed bad attitudes towards God again. It went like this. Her new boyfriend, who was a really nice kid, and had wonderful parents and had a good, healthy relationship with God, and knew the word well, eventually “dumped” Linda, because he could not cope with her ‘gay-friendly’ beliefs and positions. I knew it was going to happen. Any great Christian boy is not going to want to keep courting somebody who defends sin and acts weird. Yep, it’s all over! Dear John, etc. What happened next? Linda got mad at God for Pat breaking up with her. Here she had been hoping for a good-looking, funny guy that she enjoyed being around, and as circumstances would have it, he eventually wanted nothing to do with her. She needed to change her perspective about her previous sin while she was released enough from its bondage, to make that move. But she didn’t. She kept defending the ‘gay’ lifestyle, and the friends that she kept on the side. As a result, when she got dumped, she got mad at God again, because she did not get what she wanted, while she refused to change her beliefs.

And now that she has gone back, she is weirder than ever. She is more passionate about the sin than ever, and she is also more tormented than ever, and cries more than she did before. She always seems angry, and defends it ten times worse than she did before. She actually is a lot more bound than she was before.

Why is this? I would like to read this verse with you. Matthew 12:43-45 says, “When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

So, once Jesus sets you free from your sin, you need to stay full of his truth, and continue in your good attitude, and praising and thanking Him throughout your life to stay free. Don't let wrong attitudes come back on you. You are an easy target for Satan. He trapped you once, and he knows how to trap you again. So KNOW how to get free, and KNOW how to stay free! Do what is right to get free, and CONTINUE doing what is right to stay that way. You do not have a guarantee with your deliverance. You have to maintain your right attitudes towards God so that you are not pulled back into it again.

I will guarantee you, as I have heard this from more than one person, that once they were trapped and bound again back in homosexuality, they were more tormented, and depressed than they ever were before. You will be miserable if you turn back.

Here is an encouraging thought for you. Do you remember how we kind of "tricked" Linda into being free for a season. Well, she really didn't even want to be free. She was very much enjoying where she was at and had no intentions of getting right with God, or repenting of her sin. And Deb and I "tricked" her into getting some attitudes right, that resulted in freedom from the consequence, at least for a season. Then when those right attitudes went back to her old ways, the consequence or sin began "manifesting" again.

Well, this should be encouraging to you. If Linda did not even WANT to be free, but became so as a result of practicing these righteous principles, then just imagine the power in these truths for somebody who actually DOES desire to be free from homosexuality. There is dynamite power in the word of God. And it is available to set you free from your sin, WHATEVER your sin may be. If you want it, and you believe that Jesus can do it for you, he can, and HE WILL! Be it done unto you, according to your faith. Whatever you believe God for, he will do for you.

Enjoy your freedom!

# Wrong Place at The Wrong Time

(More tips for staying free)

I once heard my basketball coach say, “Positioning is everything”. He was helping us to understand the fine art of basketball, and he was saying that being in the right place at the right time is the key to getting the ball thrown to you so you can make a play, or take a shot.

The same thing applies in every other area of life. If you don’t want to get hit by a car, don’t play in the street. If you don’t want to get run over by a train, don’t stand on the tracks. If you don’t want your future “spouse to be” to find you, stay at home all of the time, stay on the sofa and eat ice cream, and watch TV, etc.

Once you start trying to live out your freedom in Christ, you are going to have to change some of the places you hang out. You can’t go in all of the old places you used to hang out, and be with the old friends you used to hang out with and expect to stay free from homosexuality.

There is a story in the bible where (king) David did sin, and this sin was not homosexuality, it was adultery. And by the way this passage could also be presented as evidence that David was not a homosexual, as he was lusting after a woman, and not a man, and the bible records this as a factual story. But what I want to point out in this bible story is this. David was at the wrong place at the wrong time, and that is what contributed to his fall.

Let’s read the passage in 2 Samuel 11:1-4. It says, “And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel: and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s house; and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her....”

David was at the wrong place at the wrong time. In these verses it says that at this particular time of the year, all of the (other) kings were gathered to do battle, but David tarried (hung out) in Jerusalem instead. And what was he doing? He was laying around in bed, then getting up and going for walks on the roof. He wasn’t supposed to be there, but he was anyway, because he sent Joab to do his job for him, while he stayed home and

chilled. If David had been where kings are supposed to be this time of year, he would not have noticed Bathsheba taking a bath. But instead, there he was, at the wrong place at the wrong time, and next thing you know he is making eye contact with some eye candy. Bam!! He falls into sin.

And you know that the same thing will happen to you, if you don't hang out in the right places once you get set free from sin. If you go hang out at the "gay bars" after you have been delivered, next thing you know you are making eye contact with somebody who looked good to you back when you are bound, and before you know it, you are back in a mess again.

There is something called "familiar spirits". These are spirits that speak thoughts into your mind to entice you and seduce you back into your old familiar sin patterns. And they have the most power to operate in your life, when you are in old familiar places where you were easily seduced into sinful activity and your old sinful nature.

For instance, let's say you attend a Benny Hinn healing (and deliverance) crusade, and while you are there, you are gloriously set free from the bondage of homosexuality. But you happen to be renting an apartment with the individual that you are involved in the sin with. What do you do after you have been set free? Do you go back home like nothing has ever happened? Well, I can tell you this. If you do, you are going to get into a conversation or an argument with your old partner. And, if anybody has the power or the ability to seduce you back into the old lifestyle, it would be them. Your old partner knows you very well. They are very "familiar" to you, and know very well how to convince you and win an argument with you. They know all the right things to say to get you thinking like them again.

In that situation, the best thing for you to do is avoid returning back home at all costs. Get on the cell phone, and find somebody who has been praying for you. You know, that relative that you can't stand to be around, because of all their little "innuendos" you had to listen to in the past, when they were trying to preach to you. Tell them that you have been delivered from sin, and you need a place to stay until you establish a new life for yourself away from your old partner. Maybe you have a friend who would support you while you are trying to break free from the old familiar lifestyle. Go there. Don't worry about your stuff. You can go back to get your stuff while your old partner is at work. But take somebody with you who can help hold you accountable to just get your stuff and get out. Once you return there alone, it might be a big temptation to play around with sinful thoughts again.

I'm telling you, if you want to stay free, you are going to have to get desperate and act like you mean business. You might have to change the music that you listen to and the television programs that you are used to watching. All of that old music can get you back in the old partying spirit, and thinking the way you used to think again. Take my wife for instance. She used to be a partier back in the old days, and used to like to drink too many beers at once. There was one song, that every time it came on the radio, she would get to singing along with it as loud as she could, and next thing you know, she was pulling into

the liquor store and buying a couple of six packs. That was a long time ago. Now, she can listen to “Shout, Shout, let it all out”, and it doesn’t affect her that way anymore, but there was a time when it did.

Visit a local Christian bookstore. Tell the sales person who works in the music department what styles of music you like, and the bands you used to listen to, and they can help locate some good Christian music that has similar styles of music, but with a better message. While you are there, ask them where the local Christian “scene” is. This would be the place where Christians hang out during the same hours that you used to go “clubbing” at the gay bars. In the area where we live, there are a couple of Starbucks where you can go any evening of the week, and there is always a group of Christians gathered around and fellowshiping and talking about God and life in general. This would be a much healthier place for you to hang out, if you are serious about wanting to stay free from your old sinful behavior.

You might even have to change your sleep schedule. Instead of sleeping in until time to go to work, and then staying out till 11 o’clock or midnight every night, you might have to start getting up early in the morning and exercising or watching some Christian programming on cable or just spend time reading the word and fellowshiping with God. Get up earlier, so that you will be too tired to go out and get into trouble at night.

Take a good look in the mirror as well. If you are primping and grooming and dressing in a manner that blatantly advertises your alternative lifestyle, you might have to change a few things. You might cut off all of your old familiar places and friends, but if you still look the part, you will be easy for a new potential partner to “hit on”. Yeah, you know exactly what I’m talking about. So change your make-up (if you’re a man, stop wearing make-up). Change your hair style to reflect that you are straight. Change your clothes. Change the way you talk, the way you act, and the way you walk. Stop advertising to the outside world, that you are something that you are not anymore.

If you act, look, and hangout in all the old familiar ways and places, it will not be long before you are beginning to think the way you used to think again. And once the devil starts getting back into your head, it is not long before he is getting back into you.

Once you get your new hangout or apartment or whatever, create an atmosphere in your home, where old familiar spirits are very uncomfortable and don’t want to be around. There is a web-site you can go to on your computer called [soaking.net](http://soaking.net). It plays around the clock Christian music and worship. Put it on the worship songs, and just leave it on playing all of the time, even when you are gone. The old familiar devils will not hang out there. They cannot stand being in the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. And God inhabits the praises of his people, even when the radio is doing all of the singing, not you.

I explained in a previous chapter, that wherever the healing anointing is, the anointing for deliverance and freedom is there as well. It is the exact same anointing that heals and delivers. I personally believe that the strongest healing anointing on the planet is active through Benny Hinn and his ministry. I dare you to tune into his program every evening

or morning, and glue yourself to the chair as he ministers. It is probably one of the best ways that I can think of to guarantee that you stay free from the old desires, other than changing your attitudes towards God as mentioned in a previous chapter.

Soak up God's anointing and presence wherever you can find it. It was the anointing power of the Holy Ghost that set you free, and it is the same power or anointing that will keep you free as well.

And most importantly, don't forget to find a good church where you can go and submit yourself to a pastor that you can trust. When you struggle or have questions, go to your pastor or an elder and get them involved in your life with you. Make friends at the local church. You will need a new support group in life. New friends, new hangouts, new music, dress, and behavior are several ways to help you stay free from your past. If you don't want to get pulled back into your old ways, you have got to fill your head with new information, and spend your time doing new things.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away and ALL things have become new. Go, in the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and make your new life happen today.

## “AM I POSSESSED OR OPPRESSED BY A DEMON?”

First of all, what is a demon? A demon is a fallen angel. There was a great war in heaven. Lucifer, or the devil, decided that he wanted to be God himself and as a result there was war in heaven. Let's read about it in Rev. 12:7-9. It says, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." And it says in verse 4, "And his (the devil's) tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth."

These passages describe that great battle. Lucifer, the Devil, was cast down to earth (our planet) and a third of the angels of heaven with him. The good news is they are outnumbered by good angels, two to one. If one third were cast out, then two thirds still remain in heaven and are carrying out the agenda of God. And the two thirds that remain, hearken unto the voice of the Lord God, and are ministering spirits sent to render service to the elect. That means when you need something, you ask God, and he assigns angels to go and do service or render you favor and provision, etc. Read Hebrews 1:14, and Daniel 3:25, and Daniel 6:22. And I am sure that you have heard of someone who believes that they have seen an angel or felt that one has protected or brought favor or provision their way. In Hebrews 13:2, it warns us to be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. So you never know when you are around an angel. God's angels perform good things for our lives, and for our benefit.

By the same token, the devil's angels perform bad things for our lives, and try to bring us destruction. Jesus said in John 10:10, I (Jesus) come to bring you abundant life, but the thief (the devil) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Well, all of the devil's angels take orders from him, and have the exact same agenda. If you are possessed or oppressed by a demon, you have a fallen angel, who is under direct orders from the devil, to stay attached to your life, and his agenda is to steal, kill, and destroy you. His ultimate goal is to stay in your life until you pass away, and then escort you into hell. Our God Jehovah says in his word that he is a very jealous God, and does not want us to serve any other Gods. When Satan said in Isaiah 14, "I want to be LIKE the most high", one of the areas that he duplicates the true God in, is to be jealous. And he is very jealous that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and made a way for us to enter into heaven and into the very presence of God. He (Satan, and all his fallen angels) knows that he can never enter into heaven again. And he is so angry and jealous that he is out to deceive and destroy as many human lives as he can, and prevent them from going to heaven as well.

Now that we have a little background knowledge of what demons are, let's find out some more about them. Like for instance, where do they live? Well, first of all, we know that they have been cast down to earth, the very planet where we dwell. But according to the

bible, we also know that they walk around on the ground just like we do. In Luke 11:24, Jesus explained that when an unclean spirit or “demon” is cast out of a man, that he walks around on dry ground, seeking “rest”; and when he finds none, he says, “I will return unto my house from whence I came out.”

So Jesus said that a demon walks around on the earth, and he is not at rest until he finds a home to dwell in. He is looking for his “house”. And he will not rest until he finds a house. What is a demon’s house? Well Jesus just said in this verse, “When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man....” Now don’t think that just because you are a woman, that you are exempt from being possessed by a devil, because Jesus is referring to mankind. And also, in Matthew 8:32, it is recorded that Jesus cast several demons out of a man, and the demons entered some swine, and caused the swine to commit suicide. If some demons can enter into some pigs, they can enter into humans and animals alike. They can also enter into a woman.

But did you get the part about a demon sees you as his *house*? That’s where demons live, inside *people*. And they cannot find rest until they find somebody to enter. And if you are not born again, spirit (of God) filled, and sanctified, and covered by the blood of Jesus, then you are a walking “house” with your front door standing wide open to any devil that comes along and wants to live in you.

Well how do they get in? They cannot just jump inside of you without permission. They have to entice you and seduce you into committing a sin. And once you commit that sin, and you begin wrestling, in your conscience, with the thought, or desires, or passions to commit that sin again, you are basically opening yourself up to that demon. While you are struggling with your free-will during the “this isn’t right, I should, I shouldn’t....etc” phase, you are at this point *oppressed* of a devil. But once you “give up” and say, “forget it, I can’t stop doing this, this is who I am now, I might as well accept it”, then at that point, the demon has found a home. The demon has found a new “house” and he is not leaving until you die, or until he is cast out of you in the name of Jesus.

Have you surrendered to a sin so many times now that you have absolutely no control over your self when those passions start to arise? Is your own will-power no longer strong enough to stop you any more from committing that sin? Guess what? Congratulations, you are possessed by a demon.

What are some of the by-products or symptoms of being possessed by a devil? First of all, you have absolutely no control, or will-power anymore to say “no” to the temptations that you once knew were wrong, or *sin* as we call it. And by the way, sin as another word for rebellion against God or his ways or his desires for your life. Once you have lost total self control in an area of your life that God says “No!” to, you are bound, or in bondage, or possessed, or controlled by a demon.

Some of the physical by-products, or if I may use the word “manifestations” of a demon in your life are as follows. I will use verses from the bible to point out documented physical manifestations of devils. And then I will even go on to describe what people

who have been possessed by a demon have described to me. Individuals have told me some of the exact, specific feelings that they have felt while being possessed by a devil or demon.

First of all, let's look at it from a biblical perspective. In Mark 1:23-26, a man who was possessed by a demon, manifested anger and loud, gut-wrenching screaming when Jesus approached him. Has a spirit-filled Christian ever tried to witness to you, or express to you that you are in sin against God, and you immediately became very angry and started screaming, an almost uncontrollable angry, loud screaming, and said, "leave me alone!" It's my business how I want to live my life!!!"? Well, that's exactly what these demon possessed people did in the bible as well. It also says in these verses that the devil "threw the man down to the ground". The King James Version of the bible says, "The demon *tore* at him." You might throw an anger tantrum while being witnessed to, or confronted about your sin. In the process, you might throw yourself on the ground into a convulsion, or if a wall is closer, you might punch the wall with your fist, or pick up something and throw it across the room, or at the person who is witnessing to you.

In Acts 19:14-16, it talks about some men, (seven sons of Sceva), who were not really Christians, and weren't led by God at the time to do so, who attempted to cast a devil out of a man. In this story, the man who was possessed by the devil, jumped on all the men with great strength, and fury, and beat the tar out of all of them, and ripped their clothes off of them, and chased them away. Have you ever wanted to beat the tar out of somebody who was sharing Jesus (and his desire for you to repent of your sins) with you? Maybe you DID take a swing at them, or beat them up. This is one of the ways that a demon will manifest through you physically. If you ever want to stop being a demon's "house", you might want to stop beating up the people who are trying to help you. It's just a suggestion.

In Mark 5:2-7, it says that a man who was possessed with many demons, lived among the tombs, and was constantly screaming and shrieking, and bruising and cutting himself with stones. It also says that when people attempted to restrain or bind him, that he tore out of bonds and chains with "superhuman strength".

I have a friend who is a police officer. He is constantly dealing with the types of people in society, that many of us never have the 'opportunity' to even make contact with. He says that he sees people like this all of the time. While trying to just talk to them, or arrest them, they are screaming obscenities, and shouting "leave me alone" and putting up a fight, and resisting him. My buddy weighs 380 pounds, and much of it is muscle. He says that when people are angry or under the influence of fear or drugs, that they throw him around like he is a rag doll. And he isn't talking about people bigger than him. He is talking about people half his size or even smaller, and sometimes even women. This is for real folks!

What about this man in Mark 5, who was living among the tombs? Do people actually live among tombs today? I am sure you can find some. But it is much easier to find somebody who is bound by sin and demons, who is just living in filth and stench, and

having to put up with very poor living conditions, and they don't seem to care, because their entire priority and purpose in life, is to put their addiction before anything else in life. And as a result, they seem perfectly happy to dwell in a disgusting environment. Now this is not always the case. Sometimes people mask this external manifestation of filth. You might know somebody who, on the inside is full of filth, but externally, they are "clean freaks", cannot stand for stuff to be out of place, and take several showers a day. They are trying to get away from the "tombs" that they feel on the inside of them. The filth and stench and deadness of the sin that has them bound.

It also says that this demon possessed man, bruised and cut himself. Do you ever hate yourself so much that you actually punch yourself with your fist? Or maybe you do other things to hurt yourself, like bang your head against a wall, or even try to commit suicide, by jumping out of a car, or putting a gun to your head. When you are being controlled by a devil, he is constantly influencing you to hurt and destroy yourself, and others around you as well.

In Luke 4:33-34, it talks about a man possessed with a devil who screamed at Jesus, "Leave me alone!" Haven't you noticed that, even though you think you are right about what you believe; you have absolutely no civil patience or tolerance for somebody who wants to dispute your beliefs, and talk to you about Jesus? Where is your open-mindedness and your ability to reason, during times when somebody who believes and confesses the bible wants to share Christ with you? Isn't it amazing that you can sit at Starbucks all day long and talk about other religions and cosmic beliefs, but the second the name "Jesus" is mentioned, you start getting nervous and angry, and all of a sudden you lose your reasoning power? Why is that? In these bible verses, these demon possessed people hung around all day long, and most of the time were probably normal and fit in with society, but the second Jesus walks by, they start going insane and having an anxiety attack. Is that you?

In Luke 6:18, it talks about "those who were 'vexed' with unclean spirits...." What does the word 'vex' mean? In Webster's it says, "to bring trouble, distress, or agitation to....to bring **physical** distress.....to irritate or annoy by petty provocations.....to puzzle, to baffle, to shake or toss about...." So when a demon vexes you, he brings to you constant, ongoing **PHYSICAL** torment, torture, annoying, confusion, and anxiety. And you can't deal with anything emotionally. You are often a nervous wreck, and you can't function normally to deal with everyday life's challenges. You are in constant physical torture. Your nerves are a mess. You are in pain emotionally, psychologically, and physically. You actually **FEEL** it. There is no escaping the torture that is associated with inviting a demon to rule your life and your passions.

Now I would like to go on to describing some of the physical manifestations of a devil that have been told me by person's who have been delivered or seeking deliverance that I have met.

I had one person tell me that they felt a dirty, fuzzy, electricity wrapped around their brain. Others have told me they felt a pin or a hard rod press against their face, or even

what felt like a claw gripping or ripping inside of their belly. Some have claimed they actually felt something put its hand on them, or felt a scary presence, or even seen something ugly for a moment in the room with them. One person told me that every time they tried to listen to a preacher on television, that they felt something put their hands over their ears and block out the sound. Another told me that he had a cloudy mist form in front of his eyes when he attempted to read the bible or religious material. Someone else told me that they felt a pain start in their head and go down the back of their neck into their shoulders, when a spirit of anger would manifest through them.

One of the main things that most people feel when they are influenced by demons is uncontrollable anger, confusion, rage, depression, sadness, loneliness, and even suicide.

I personally don't know why anybody would want to put up with all this garbage for the rest of their life. I would think that everybody would want to experience the true joy and peace that is associated with making Jesus total Lord and savior of their lives. Sometimes I say to my wife while I am at church and in the presence of God, that it (physically) feels like I am in a Jacuzzi, except the waters are swirling around on the inside of me, instead of around the outside of me. It feels so good and peaceful, and restful. I know however that sometimes it takes a long time for people to realize that this kind of peace is what they really want. And other times, people know that peace and rest is what they want, but they look for it somewhere else other than through Jesus.

I have a request here. At the end of this book, you will see my ministry address. I would like for people who have experienced these physical manifestations of demon possession, to write in and tell me their story, and what they have physically felt. I don't know that it will ever end up being put in a book, but it would just be more reference material for me to have to help others with. Thank you for your input and your contributions to helping in the lives of others.

And by all means, if you have read this chapter, and this book this far, and you know that you need deliverance, please do whatever is necessary to position yourself in a place where you can get the freedom that you deserve, and the freedom that Christ wants you to walk in.

Get on the phone, and find a good church that believes in healing, and deliverance, and miracles, and go and submit yourself to that pastor, and make yourself available to be prayed for. You are missing out on freedom. You CAN be free from homosexuality.

However, if you can't find a local church with that kind of power, there are many good Christian programs and TV ministers who have enough power and anointing to reach into your living room, and heal you and set you free. Tune in to Benny Hinn, or Creflo Dollar, or Kenneth Copeland, or Jesse Duplantis, and call in to their prayer lines and ask someone to pray with you. You may even want to attend one of their crusades when it comes to or near your city. I would like to apologize here to anybody who is on the air, and being used mightily of God to set people free, whose name I neglected to mention here. If I have failed to endorse you here, it does not mean that God does not endorse

you. I am sure that there are MANY ministries that all have the compassion and grace to bring healing and deliverance into people's lives. And I say God bless every one of these ministries, and may God use you even more mightily, as he begins to pour out his spirit in these last days, and as this last days' deliverance revival spreads over our planet, in preparation for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## God Created Sex

Okay, so you're delivered and set free now from homosexuality, what next? Well, first of all, enjoy your freedom. But God didn't just set you free from those old passions to make you an eunuch for the rest of your life. I know it would be very difficult for me to just get up one day and decide that I am not having sex again for the rest of my life.

God wants you to enjoy sex. He created it for two people to enjoy one another passionately. But he has designed for us to enjoy it within the marriage context. And as HE defines marriage, not as man defines marriage. And I explained to you in a previous chapter EXACTLY what God's definition of marriage is, and therefore the venue in which you can enjoy all of the passionate sex that you were designed for and to enjoy.

But what happens when you have repented of your sins and turned from your ungodly ways, and you have absolutely no desire to be with a member of the opposite sex. That's right. You could be set free, but still not have normal, natural affections for the opposite sex. What do you do then?

You might say, "It would take a miracle for me to want to be with somebody of the opposite sex!" Not a problem!! Jesus does miracles too! In 1 Corinthians 12:1-12, it talks about 'gifts of the Spirit.' And one of these gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows upon people is the gift of 'miracles'. You can ask around at your church, or ask your new pastor, if somebody who flows in this gift of miracles, can "lay hands on you" and pray for you, and bestow and impart an anointing or power within you, that will begin to resurrect the normal, natural desires and affections that God initially planted within you, or 'engineered within you' from your conception. He has engineered, and designed, and structured every one of us to do things in life according to his design. Sin is what side-tracks us, and causes us to pervert the behavior that God intended for us to practice.

And as mentioned earlier in this book, as referenced in Romans, chapter 1, the natural desires that we are supposed to have in life, are replaced with un-natural desires, after we have had bad attitudes toward God and he has turned us over to a reprobate or "God-hating" mind or conscience.

As you begin to practice proper attitudes toward God, and have repented and asked God to forgive you for all the times that you challenged Him, and got mad at Him, and didn't understand why certain things were happening to you the way they did, then you will be 'loosed' from the consequences of those wrong attitudes. And you will begin to gradually desire the opposite sex.

A good practical thing to do, which is what we even encourage 'straight' Christian singles to do, is just make friends with members of the opposite sex. The better you get to know them, and find out who they are as a person, the better chances you have of

becoming ‘attracted’ to them. Just start enjoying fellowship with the new Christian single friends that are in your new social environment. When the right one comes along, you will recognize it.

After you have been friends with them for some time, and have gotten to respect and appreciate them for who they are as a person, there will come a day or (music please) “that magic moment”, when your world turns upside down. That’s right, at the right time, and in the right place, and with the right person, God will release those internal passions, and you will get that feeling that you thought you could never have in your lifetime.

But remember, God also ordains that we should enjoy sex in the context of a “cleaving” relationship. He has engineered that we enjoy it for life with ONE person, for the rest of our entire lives.

So, show that special someone some respect and ask them to spend the rest of their life with you. Then make plans to join yourself together with them in the sight of God, and make an appointment with your new pastor, and get married. God wants us to make this event special. Make it a memory that will last forever, and in front of witnesses that will hold you accountable to the obligations that you have confessed to the one you say you will love forever.

Good luck and God bless you. And don’t forget to write me and send me some pictures of the wedding, and a copy of your testimony of how God set you free from homosexuality, and gave you normal, natural affections for the opposite sex, and eventually placed you in a true God-ordained marriage. I would love to hear your victory stories.

## YOU'RE NOT MY PARENTS ANYMORE!!!

Don't get me wrong. Standing up and proclaiming the truth, isn't the easiest thing in the world to do and it will sometimes result in a division. The bible says in Second Corinthians 6:24-18, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with the devil? Or what part hath he that believeth with an unbeliever? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty."

When you disagree with your child, or mate or friend, or whoever you confront about their sin, there is going to be dis-comfort. When you judge their sin, and confront them with the idea that they need to repent and change, it is either going to result in them humbling themselves, and asking for your help, or they are going to be angry or resentful towards you and distance themselves from you.

That is what Linda did to us. When we finally point blank said to her that we accept her, but we are disgusted by her lifestyle and sin, she became angry. She screamed, "You are not my parents anymore!" What she was really saying, was that we are not the kind of parents SHE chooses for us to be. It is the same way that she gets mad at God because he is not the KIND of God she wants him to be. She wants a God who is servant to her and her affections. And she wants parents who are submitted to her wishes and beliefs. Because we do not submit to her, she rejects us and calls us bad parents. This disdainful rhetoric goes with the territory, when you make righteous proclamations. So, get ready for them.

When you suffer rejection for your righteous judgment, do not change your position, because you are positioned with God and his word. Trust God that in time, he will change the person that you are confronting, and at that time restore the relationship as well. But keep in mind that you are doing the right thing. They will at some point down the road thank you for what you have done here. You were the only one bold enough to dare to challenge the idea that they were stuck in the sin, and could not change, or even worse, they actually believed that God made them that way, so how COULD they change.

In the story of the prodigal son, the father suffered isolation from his son for a prolonged period of time. How do I know this? Because it records that when he saw his son afar off, he ran to meet him. Now if I were to see my child on an everyday or often basis, I would not "run to meet them", when I saw them coming home. It would be business as

usual, and I would keep right on doing whatever I was doing as they walked through the door. I would say “how’s your day, carry out the trash, etc.” But, I would not run to the door excitedly to meet them.

Brace yourself. Once you make your stand and confront the sin in people’s lives, you need to be prepared for whatever. It could result in a break-down of the relationship and some distance and rejection for a time.

Position yourself with God. WAIT upon them to change. Do not compromise your position by chasing them down and saying, “I’m sorry, maybe I was too hard on you.” You have to stay strong, and wait until they are done eating the husks with the pigs, and decide to change their life and come back to you.

One of the best pressures you can put on somebody who is wrong and does not want to change, is to let that separation remain. Believe me, you are not the only one suffering. They are suffering as well. There was a brief time when our son John was living wrong and being disrespectful to us. We had to tell him to stay away from us until he changed his attitude towards us. It lasted a few months, but finally John said that he could not take it anymore. He missed us too much, and he knew he was wrong. He came back very humbly and asked our forgiveness.

In that season of separation though, you are going to be tempted to run to them in the pig pen, and check on them and make sure everything is okay between us. When you do, you are enabling them emotionally, with a false sense of acceptance. They will be stuck in their sin even longer, if you do not ask God for the grace to withstand the urge to give in and close the distance yourself. WAIT until they are totally done sinning, and they choose to come home on their own.

This is the position that God takes with us when we are lost in our sin. We eventually repent of our sin, because we can no longer stand that feeling of separation from God. Position yourself with God by being patient, and waiting for God to see the situation through. Yes, it is painful. But whether it takes weeks, months, or years, it is the right thing to do, and God will give you the grace you need in this time of need. The best thing to do is pray and intercede for that loved one.

But make sure that you attack the problem, and not the person. Make it clear that you love and accept them, but you cannot condone or accept their sin. You hate the sin, and love the person. It will not last forever. They will come around. Remember, the fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much, and you will eventually see them come around.

## ZEAL AND FURY UNLEASHED

One of my favorite people in the bible is King Josiah in the Old Testament. You can read about him in 2 Kings 22 and 23. And in verse 23:25 it says this about him, “And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.”

This is a story about somebody who became king of Israel while he was still a teenager. And he did the normal things that kings do, until one day when the prophet read to him out of the books of the law (early bible), and he received some truth into his life about who God was and what God’s purpose was for his life. The day that he received that truth in his heart, it changed him forever. He immediately had a new passion in his life. It was a passion to do and perform the things of God that were commanded for people to do in the laws of God.

And within a few short days after Josiah received these new truths, he turned his entire world around for God. It is recorded here in 2 Kings, that Josiah tore down all of the false Gods and idols throughout the land, and demoted all of the people who were responsible for serving those false Gods and teaching Israel about them. Within just a few days, Josiah did more to advance the kingdom of Heaven than any other king was able to do in their entire lifetime, before him and after him.

There is a huge amount of power that is unleashed when somebody receives truth into their spirit for the first time. And what you do with that power, and how you take it, or it takes you, depends on how sincere your heart is, once you determine to make those changes in your life, and those new sacrifices that God is calling you to make for him.

Once you are set free from whatever sin you are involved in, God is going to give you a grace and a power, and he is going to expect you to do something with it. God wants you to immediately begin tearing down all of the idols and unclean habits and practices that you have established in your own personal kingdom.

Believe it or not, the time that it is going to be the easiest for you to do the most along these lines, is right at the beginning of your new life, while you are trying to establish your new life in Christ. God will give you the grace and courage and determination to make all of the changes necessary in your life in order to stay free, and live a new life that is pleasing to God.

Just like Josiah, you can tear down all of the Baals, and Ashteroths, and altars that you have set up for worship of all of the false gods in your life. And God wants you to be just as ferocious about making these changes in your life, as Josiah was. One thing about the gay community that you could actually say was a positive quality is their “militant”

desire to represent and propagate what they believed was the truth. As a society, they are very vocal and bold when it comes to expressing their beliefs and promoting their ideals. You can use this exact same persona to pursue the new and more Godly truths that you now represent.

A fault of the modern church is that they have become too complacent when it comes to expressing their beliefs about God to modern society. Many of the churches nowadays, are content to sit back and just practice a form of religion while society around them steers itself farther and farther away from God's principals and ideals and commandments. As a result, much of society is far from being able to please God with their heart, actions and attitudes, and as each day goes by, society as a whole is much more sinful and ungodly than it was before.

Take the "militant" bravado that you have been using for the wrong reasons, and begin using them now for the right reasons. Just as passionately as you promoted the homosexual lifestyle, now go out and promote Jesus' delivering and forgiving power to the world around you. Proclaim boldly to those around you what you have received, and offer them the same opportunity for freedom that you have just experienced.

There is a verse in Revelation 12:11 that says this, "They (you and I) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus), and by the word of their (your) testimony; and they loved not their lives even unto the death."

What that verse means is that when we are delivered from Satan's power, we then can overcome him on a daily basis, and overcome him means that we can keep him from regaining the same strongholds in our lives that he once had established, and we can actually defeat him in our lives and in the lives of those around us. And we overcome Satan by taking authority over him in Jesus' name and saying, "I come against you Satan in the name of Jesus, and I plead the blood of Jesus against you". These words have the power to back down any spirits trying to gain a foot-hold in your life.

And you also tear down Satan's kingdom by "the word of your testimony." This means that you go around telling others about the wonderful things that God has done for you, and how the name of Jesus has set you free and delivered you from the stronghold and bondage of homosexuality in your life.

Then that same verse goes on to say that God will give you so much passion and zeal for promoting Christ and his mission for those around you, that you will have absolutely no concern for your personal well being. You will have no fear of death. And you have no reason to fear death anymore, as you are now a member of the kingdom of Heaven, and you have the assurance of knowing that if you were to die today, that at that very instant, you know that you will be present in Heaven with Jesus.

Do you remember all of the times in your past, when you were so tormented that you agonized over the possibility of taking your own life? But at the same time, you also knew in your heart, that that would not end the torment, but would only be the beginning

of a new torment? Even back then, not really knowing what it meant to have eternal life through Jesus, you still could feel and understand down inside, that there definitely was a devil and that his dominion and torment in your life would not end just by putting a gun to your head, or overdosing on pills or drugs.

But a new experience that you will have after you have been delivered and set free and have asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, is that you will no longer fear death. And once that fear is gone, you will be able to live and operate in the same passions and boldness and “militant” mo-jo (if you will) that Josiah came alive to, once the words of truth had landed inside of him.

How about you? Has the new truths that you have received sparked something on the inside of you, that you would like to know what to do with? Just do what it says to do in Rev. 12:11, and take authority over Satan in your life and in the lives of those you come in contact with, and then be bold about telling others about your testimony of freedom. Once you begin doing this, you will be surprised at the “rush” you have in “coming out of the closet” with your new life. Don’t hide your new light under a bushel. Go out into the highways and byways of your city, and compel others to come to know the same Christ that you have experienced.

God is waiting to place his power and anointing on your life to go and make disciples of all nations. God wants you to go and fulfill the calling that the modern day church is neglecting to do to the fullest zeal that they should be. YOU are the best person to go and proclaim this new freedom from the bondage and torment of homosexuality. Who can be more compassionate about the delivering power of God, than someone who has actually experienced it, as opposed to those in the church who have not been in that bondage, but only read about it. I personally could not really get excited about getting out of jail, if I have never even known what it was like to be in jail in the first place. Don’t be self-absorbed with your new freedom and Savior. Share him with all those around you.

Pray for grace (God’s ability) and pray for His wisdom as you go forth in this new compassion that you have to see other’s set free as well.

God be with you.

# BE A HATER

Hatred is a very powerful emotion. I want to tell you a story about a time in my life when I was filled with hatred, and I actually accomplished something positive with it.

During the spring of 1990, my first wife left me for her boss. They changed the locks on my very own house, and he moved in with my wife and kids. When it happened, I was very confused, and got very angry. But after spending a considerable amount of time in prayer, and talking with my pastor, I decided that I would focus all of that anger and hatred in a positive direction.

You see, it would do me absolutely no good to hate myself, and beat myself up for all of the areas where I could have done things better. It also would do me absolutely no good to hate my soon to be ex-wife and her boss. It would hurt me worse than it would hurt them. They weren't the one who was alone, I was. I would be all alone, consumed with painful emotions that would torment me, and it would do absolutely nothing to them, they wouldn't even feel the pain and anger, or even care if they did. So what I decided to do was channel that hatred towards the person who really deserved all of it.

Because I had been very well grounded in the Word of God, I knew that God was not doing this to me. He was not punishing me by taking my wife away. I knew that according to John 10:10, that Jesus said, "the thief (devil) comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I (Jesus) have come to give you life and life more abundantly."

I knew who my real enemy was. And I knew who was responsible for the pain that I was experiencing at that time. So after giving it some thought, I came to the conclusion that I would direct my anger and hatred towards him, and I would think of a way to punish him back, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, so to speak. So, I decided that since he had stolen a member of my family, well actually my entire family, as my four beautiful children were given into the custody of their mother and new step-father, that I would set out with a vengeance to steal as many members out of his family as I possibly could. I would literally take out all of my anger on the devil, by violating his kingdom, and stealing members of his family.

How did I do this? I purchased a bunch of street ministry "tracts", and I began walking the streets at night and asking people if I could have a few minutes of their time to talk to them about Jesus. I also went to the county jail in our little city, and I obtained permission to go up to the jail one day a week, and witness to the inmates. I had to get special permission to do so, as I was not an actual minister. But at the time, there was no minister in the city doing it, or even applying for the opportunity. So, since the Sheriff saw that nobody else wanted to do it, and I was begging to do it, he gave me special favor and allowed me to witness to the prisoners.

Well, during the course of the summer, I actually led 97 people to say the sinner's prayer and ask Jesus to be the Lord of their lives. The devil took my wife and kids, so I took 97 of his kids away from him. "Ya don't mess around with Bry". And I also prayed with countless others who needed to make a re-commitment, or who needed prayer for basic needs such as healing or jobs or relational problems they were having with their mates themselves. They thought that it was very unusual that I was out helping others, while I was going through a devastating time myself. But, it was the best possible way that I could have spent that summer under the circumstances. For all of those that I helped, and for myself as well, it was the healthiest and most productive way that I could deal with my anger and hatred.

I wish that I could say that I had accomplished all of that with the best possible motives, and nobly did it out of a sincere compassion for the lost, but sadly to say, I didn't. My motives were not care, concern, or compassion for the lost. My motives were anger, hatred, and revenge on Satan, for what he stole from me. Was I wrong for that attitude? Well, I'm not going to say that I was wrong, but I will admit that it was not the most noble of motives.

But why am I telling you this story? It's because all of us experience anger and hatred in our lives. And most of the time we do the wrong things with those emotions. And some people think that we are not supposed to even have those emotions if we are Christians. But I want to challenge your way of thinking right now. And the reason I want to do this is because, once you are set free from your sinful bondage, you may be tempted to start getting angry towards the people who were responsible for dragging you into that sin, or the people who were responsible for keeping you in that pit for so long. And the thing that you have to realize is that behind every situation, there is a real enemy in our lives who hides behind other people and other faces.

I remember a movie that I watched when I was in my teens. It was called 'Blazing Saddles'. And the most memorable and the most intelligent line from the entire movie was one made by Alex Caress, who played "Mongol" in the movie. Mongol was a behemoth of a man with an IQ of about 40. And during the entire movie he did and said very stupid things, except for one line in which he said, "Mongol just pawn in game of life." For some reason, that line has stuck with me these few decades, since I have seen that movie. Mongol recognized that he was not a major player in everything that happened around him, that others called the shots and he just did what he was told to do, or was manipulated to do as a result of his ignorance and lack of intelligence.

Well, it's the same way in real life. All of those people who hurt you and abused you and manipulated you into all of those painful experiences were not the major players in this life. There is a God, and there is a devil. And anything good that happens to us is God, and anything bad that happens to us is the devil. And all those people who hurt you in life were just "pawns in the game of life" just like Mongol was.

So, when you start feeling anger or hatred towards those people, here is what I want you to do. I want you to recognize who the real player was in this situation, (the devil) and I want you to channel all of that hatred and anger towards him, and find some way to devastate him and his kingdom, and to tear up something of his. Get him back. Seek revenge. Go ahead, "BE A HATER!" Hate the devil for what he has done to you, and how he has used and manipulated his pawns in life, to bring destruction into your life. It's time to get even! No, on second thought, don't get even, get ahead!!

I know you're thinking by now, "wow, where is this guy coming from?" Where is all of that bad attitude coming from, it can't be anywhere in the bible? Well actually, it is. I want to read a verse out of the bible to you right now and explain it to you, that justifies that attitude, and resulting behaviors.

Let's read Isaiah 33:1 together. It says, "Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee."

This is a prophetic statement that describes the devil and those that he attacks and tries to kill. Woe to 'thee' that spoileth...the 'thee' in that statement is the devil. The verse is saying, "watch out devil. When you're done trying to kill me (or you) and bringing your destruction and anguish into my life, I am going to get you back. You better kill me while you got the chance. Because if you don't get the job done, once I recover from your attacks, I am going to come back at you with all that I got and 'spoil' you back. After you are done dealing treacherously with me, I am going to deal treacherously with you."

How about you? Are you tired of everything in life that the devil has thrown at you? Now that you have your foot on solid ground, and have been healed, and delivered and made a full recovery from his torment and devastation in your life, let's do something constructive with all of that anger and hatred that is rising up in you. Let's get the devil back now. Don't hate the individuals who were the ones who hurt you or molested you. Hate the devil that had them deceived and bound and blinded.

What are some other things that we are supposed to hate? Look at Psalms 97:10. It says, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Psalm 101:3 says, "I hate the work of them that turn aside to sin or mischief; it shall not cleave to me." Psalm 119:104 says, "Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way." Psalm 119:113 says, "I hate vain thoughts; but thy law do I love." Psalm 119:163 says, "I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love." Proverbs 8:13 says, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride, and arrogance and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate."

So you see that there are many things that we are supposed to hate. And did you know that even God hates? Yes, he does. Let's look at Proverbs 6:16. It says, "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him; a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,

feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” In Revelation 2:6, it says that “God hates the deeds of the Nicolaitanes”.

So not only is it okay for you to hate stuff, but God hates stuff too. Hatred is an emotion that God experiences, just like we do. Hatred in itself is not wrong. You just have to hate the right things, and channel that hatred in the right direction.

So go ahead. BE A HATER!

# Run To the Battle

I have had a hard time jumping into this chapter. I have been struggling with a title to it. Then a couple days ago, I heard a podcast by Joel Osteen, and he said something that finally gave me a clear direction to go with this chapter, and know what to title it. I was also reminded of a song that was recorded several years ago by Steve Camp, entitled; “Run to the Battle.”

Have you ever watched one of those medieval movies, where somewhere in them, there is always a scene where one army outnumbers another army pretty badly? And at some point, the army that is outnumbered stops standing around, and finds something within them to scream out loud at the top of their lungs, and just start charging towards the larger army. One such scene was in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. I think the movie *300* also had a similar scene, and I even recall something along these lines in one of the *Star Wars* episodes.

Well anyway, my point is that in my mind, I am imagining the smaller army rushing to its obvious doom, but somehow Hollywood or the writer of the movie comes up with a way where the smaller army reaches deep down inside for something that they didn't realize that they had, and they actually end up defeating the larger army somehow. This makes for an awesome story line in these fiction novels and movies, but something that is even more awesome than these make believe stories, is the fact that this type of victory is actually going to come to pass in these last days.

The army that I am talking about is the army of God, the body of Christ, or the church. The church has a victory to win in preparation for Christ's second return to earth. And it is going to be victorious. Jesus is coming back for a church without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27). The bible clearly states in Joel 2:28 (Acts. 2:17) that in the latter days God is going to pour out His spirit upon all flesh. These last days, the church is going to usher in the return of Christ by receiving a massive outpouring of God's spirit upon the earth, and a revival is going to spread across this planet, and the earth is going to pulsate with revival and the anointing and the Spirit of God.

I don't see this happening currently. I look at the body of Christ, or the church, and for the most part, most Christians seem fearful and intimidated about current political and societal trends, and seem to be avoiding the issues, or cowering away from getting too involved. This is not what is supposed to be happening in the last days.

I even hear a few people talking about selling everything, and moving to the wilderness and learning to live off of the land and learn to be self-supportive and shy away from governmental control and oversight. They seem to think that hiding out, and stock-piling bottled water, canned goods, animal traps, and guns and ammo is somehow going to

prolong their meager existence upon this planet. I honestly don't think that this is what God wants us to do as His church.

I know that many people see the "one-world government" trying to take over and control our lives. And they think that somehow, we can run from this. Well, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the vision that Daniel had in Daniel, chapter 2. Daniel interprets a dream that the king had, and he explains it to him. In that vision, Daniel describes all of the world empires that are to occur throughout (future) history. And each empire or "one world government" if you will, will be weaker than the one before. And the last empire or "one world government" will be like iron mixed with clay, and says that that kingdom will be partly strong and partly broken, and that the seeds of men will mingle themselves together, but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. Then Daniel goes on to prophecy that this last "one world government" will be broken to pieces and become like the chaff on the summer threshing floors; and the wind shall carry them away, that no place will be found for them; and the stone that smote the image (on the feet) shall become a great mountain, and fill the whole earth, Daniel 2:34, 35.

In verse 44 and 45, it says; "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these (man-made) kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter; and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

What does all that mean? Daniel is telling us ahead of time, that this last attempt at a one world government is going to be a very weak attempt at best, and that God is going to crush humanity's final attempt at ruling itself, by raising up His own kingdom at the end of time, and establishing his kingdom once and for all. And we who are his children are a part of that kingdom. This last great revival is the ushering in of this holy kingdom that will overshadow this future and futile last attempt at a one world government where humanity attempts to rule itself. Jesus Christ is going to reign supreme over the earth, and we are going to reign with him. **YOU ARE PART** of that stone. You are part of that mountain that is made without (human) hands, that is going to thwart and overshadow this last "wimpiest" version of a one world government. That should excite you! You are on the winning team! So why are some preparing to run from this future conflict, if it is already written that God's kingdom wins? (Please take a moment to read Daniel, chapter 2 for yourself and ask the Holy Ghost to teach you concerning this prophecy. I think you will then get as excited as me, about future events concerning the world governments and the church.)

Hopefully, by now you are asking, "what am I supposed to be doing to help usher in this great event, or do my part to help God establish this kingdom?" I want to explain that to you now. Let's look at Habakkuk 2:14. It says, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." This is a short, one

sentence prophecy about what the earth will someday be like. It is saying that there will come a day that the whole earth is going to be “flooded” with the KNOWLEDGE of the glory of the Lord. The only way that this prophecy can come to pass is for the church to get involved “en-masse” in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the whole earth. We have got to meditate on the Word, and start telling everyone the truths of the word of God, and power-soak this planet with the word of God. SPEAK the word of God to this world, and cover this whole earth with the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a picture of what we are supposed to be doing.

We are not to win this battle with carnal weapons like guns and law-suits. There is so much power in the spoken word of God, that these earthly weapons are inferior to God’s weapons. Jesus escaped an entire crowd of attackers by simply opening his mouth and speaking a word. Look in John 18:6. No weapon formed against us (the children of God) is going to prosper, and that includes a one-world government. The church is going to prevail against any man-made institutions or empires. BELIEVE IT! Instead of preparing to run and hide, get ready to run towards this last days’ battle of truth versus the world’s lies.

Become an active and productive member of the body of Christ by getting involved in the spreading of the gospel throughout the world, in every way that you can possibly get involved. Give financially to ministries that are broadcasting via radio and TV, and do your part to reach your neighbors, family members, friends, and associates.

The devil knows that this is what is really going to happen, and he is trying to fill as many people with fear as he can, in order to make them ineffective in ushering in the last days outpouring. But he is going to lose this battle. And someday we are going to look at him (Satan) face to face, and wonder how he got away with all of his deception.

Let’s read this passage in Ezekiel 28:12-19. (Please grab your bible and read this passage.) This is a prophecy regarding Lucifer, and who he was in heaven and why he fell, and was cast down to earth, and how he will end up. It starts out in verse 12 saying, “Take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus and say to him...etc. First of all, a lamentation is a funeral dirge or funeral march. This verse is saying, “Start the funeral music” for somebody. Who is that somebody? It is the king of Tyrus. The Greek word for Tyrus here, means ‘pressure’. This is a prophecy to the ‘King of Pressure’. Well, who puts pressure on your life? The devil does. He is the king of pressure.

The tail end of this prophecy says that (v.18 and 19), God is going to bring Satan to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them (mankind) that behold him. And everyone who sees the devil at that future appointed time is going to be astonished at him, and he (the devil) will be terrified and will be no more. This prophecy is saying that there is going to come a day when we (humanity) looks upon the devil, after God has brought him to ashes, and we are going to be astonished at how he was able to cause us so much trouble. We are going to see him for the weak and defeated nothing that he is, and we are going to see him in a terrified state, because he realizes that he has no more power to manipulate and deceive the human race. We are going to be amazed that “this little pip-squeak” got

away with as much as he did. We will be absolutely astonished at how small he actually was all of this time.

Satan will be brought down to ashes. All man made empires will be brought down to ashes. All one-world governments will be crushed. And the body of Christ is going to blossom into a great mountain made without human hands and cover the whole earth and rule and reign with Christ in a kingdom that will last through eternity.

You can get involved in this last days event by spreading the gospel of Christ throughout your part of the world as ferociously as you possibly can. Let's flood this whole earth with the KNOWLEDGE of the glory of God. Don't run and hide. Run to this battle. It is written, WE WIN!!

Secondly, besides spreading the gospel by speaking the truth to as many people as you can, there is prayer. Prayer is a very effective weapon against satan and his devices. Even Jesus, the son of God, had to get away from the disciples to get 're-charged', by spending time praying to the father. If he had to do it, make sure that you take time to get into prayer before you hit the road running.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God says, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."

The best thing that we can do to spread the gospel is to pray this way. The most effective weapon and Satan's kingdom, is the moving of the Holy Spirit across this land. And the thing that releases that kind of power; is the humility and unity of the body of Christ as they seek God for a spiritual awakening of our land.

There are many groups in the body of Christ who are engaged in this battle of prayer in an organized manner. I would like to see clubs or groups of those who have been delivered from perverse lifestyles, joined in regular prayer meetings throughout this land in conjunction with those groups who are currently engaged in this type of spiritual warfare. Get as many people together as you can for regular prayer along these lines, and if you are looking for a resource that will help you along these lines, check out this website: [billyebirim.org](http://billyebirim.org). Then click on the LIVE PRAYER WEBCAST which occurs every Wednesday from noon to one p.m.

If that is not a convenient time for you, start your own prayer meeting and hold it regularly in your home one hour a week. And use 2 Chronicles 7:14 as your foundation on which to pray. If you don't know how to fill up an entire hour with prayer, you might try watching a few live webcams by Billye Brim, before you launch out with your own prayer meetings.

Thirdly, another way to defeat Satan is to 'worship and praise' God. If you don't know exactly how to do this either, go to a Christian bookstore and get some WOW CD's. Just put them in your CD player, and sing along and dance along and just get into it. The

bible says that God ‘inhabits’ the praises of his people. That means he joins you there and fellowships with you and empowers you. It is a way of getting close to God, or “drawing nigh unto God”. It says in James 4:7, “Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

You can try all day long in your own strength to run the devil off, and you will get nowhere, unto you get into God’s presence through praise and become empowered by the Holy Spirit, and then running the devil off will be so easy, because you will no longer be doing it in your own strength, but you will be doing it in the strength and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

With these 3 mighty weapons; testifying, praying, and worship, you can do great works for God’s kingdom. ANYBODY can do it! Don’t look back at who you used to be. See yourself the way God sees you now, and be the mighty warrior that God has called you to be. “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, so that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9.

# **Voted Most Popular**

Do you remember back in high school, when they used to vote for your classmates to get an overall consensus of who was the most likely to succeed, or most athletic, or most intelligent, or most beautiful or handsome, or the most popular? I remember who the person was in my class who was the most likely to succeed. Last I heard, after thirty years since we graduated, he is still a butcher at the small grocery store in the same town of 1300 people where we graduated from. He had not even gotten out of that small run-down town yet. And yet, we saw him as having the most potential at the time. The one voted most intelligent, has made some of the dumbest mistakes in life.

I was not voted anything. And I definitely was not the most popular. Throughout most of my life, I have not aspired to be the popular person, and when I did make a feeble attempt at popularity, I was thoroughly disappointed with the results. I transferred to several different cities in my job arena. Each time was a new location, a new culture, and a new mind-set. It always took quite a long time to even fit in.

I believe that God was preparing me for what lies ahead someday. I never achieved “most popular” status anywhere I went. And I am sure that this book is not going to make me very popular with a lot of people. I am touching on a subject that few people want to get involved in. The majority of people, who are bold and outspoken about the topic of homosexuality, are the ones who are bound in it, and doing everything they can to pull all of society into their way of thinking.

I am going where “angels fear to tread” and I know that it is not going to make me very popular. But I know in my heart, that the purpose that God had in me writing this book, was not for my own fame. He has put me on a mission of compassion, to a lost and dying section of society that most of the Christian world is afraid to reach out to. I am not out to be famous or wealthy. I just want to be obedient to what God has been tugging at me to do for several years now. Actually, I have put this off for some time now. I have to admit, I was very intimidated at first, and did not have the courage to participate in this endeavor as I should.

But over time, God began to show me that I would somehow be involved in a “last days” deliverance revival. The bible says in Acts 2:17-21; “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:....(v.21) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” And it also says in 2 Corinthians 3:17; “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

So that means, that in the last days that God is going to be pouring out his spirit on all flesh, and accompanying that outpouring, there is going to be a LOT of liberty. God's spirit is going to have the same agenda that Jesus had when he was on this earth. And you remember in Jesus' mission statement that he declared that he has come to set the captives free, and set at liberty them that are bruised. Well then, that means this last days revival is going to include masses of people being delivered and set free from the power of the devil.

There are many people who fear that the gay community is going to take over our society. Others say the liberals are going to take over, or that the one world society is going to take over. And some even believe that communism and socialism is still going to take over. But I believe that in the last days, the Spirit of God is going to take over. There is going to be a great outpouring of his spirit upon all flesh, and God's desires and passions are going to supersede and beat out all of the plans of wicked men and the devil.

Don't get mad about it. Jump in and go with the flow. If God wants to deliver you and set you free so you can enjoy his presence and all his benefits, then don't resist. Participate in what God has for you and enjoy a new life full of peace and freedom.

The step that I have taken in writing this book is a big one for me. I believe that there will be a lot of criticism and rejection and maybe even some humiliation ahead for me as I embark upon this journey of obedience. I have said, "Yes Lord, I will be a part of this last days' deliverance revival to see people forgiven and delivered from their sins so that they can enjoy eternity with you."

I cannot do much by myself. God wants to send many laborers into this harvest field. God will empower you to participate in this last day's deliverance revival as well. You might say, "Why would God want to use me, as messed up as I have been in my life?" Wait until you hear this! Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 together. It says, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wisdom of the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound those who are mighty; and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are; that no flesh should glory (glorify themselves) in his presence." In other words, God is not always calling the people who have had it together all of their lives to be used by him. He likes to use lives that are goofy, messed-up, and broken, and do great and mighty things with them. Then the people who think they got all the answers in life, are left scratching their heads, wondering why God is using someone like them (you maybe). God uses whomever he pleases. And if he takes something broken, and does great and mighty things with it, then it only glorifies God that much more.

Getting involved in the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not going to get you "voted most popular" by your old friends and acquaintances. You might even get ridiculed and ostracized by those who were once closest to you. In Galatians 1:10 it says,

“For do I now try to please men, or should I try to please God? for if it is my goal to please men, then I cannot (successfully) be a servant of God.”

God can use you for his purposes. It doesn't matter how far down you've gotten in life. If you begin reading the bible, you will find out that Paul wrote about two thirds of the New Testament. Paul once referred to himself as the chief-est of sinners. Before Paul's conversion, it was his job to go from town to town, and arrest the Christians, and have them thrown to the lions or burned at the stake. If God chose somebody that far down, and turned his life around, and then used him tremendously as a witness to the gentiles, and also to all the rest of us who read his teachings today, then God can use you for his purposes as well.

You CAN be free from homosexuality.

You can STAY free from homosexuality.

You can be used to SET OTHERS free from homosexuality.

And you can be used by God to help all of society to be free from any and all sin and bondages that Satan has put on mankind.

Meditate on all of these truths in the bible that you have learned in this book, and are learning on your own as you read and meditate on God's word. Then help to fulfill that last day's prophecy in Habakkuk 2:14. Help to “cover the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”. Open your mouth and share your testimony with those whom God directs you to minister to. Jesus did what the father told him to do when he felt ‘moved with compassion’ towards someone. When you feel that ‘compassion’ in a situation, then that is how you know that God is prompting you to witness to someone. Don't be afraid. God will anoint you and empower you to do the works that He has called you to do. Jesus said himself in John 14:12, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and GREATER works than these shall he do; because I (Jesus) have to go unto my Father (after his crucifixion and resurrection and ascension).”

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Philippians 4:13.

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