

Homosexuals
Do you love them?

I love homosexuals!

I love homosexuals. I love them dearly. I have many very dear friends who are homosexual and I treasure them. I find people who have strong stances on homosexuality, who have not taken the time to get to know individual homosexuals and especially to love them deeply.

I have spent much time with many dear friends who are homosexual. Because I dearly love them, I listen carefully. When I listen carefully and love deeply, I get the immense privilege to hear their heart, hear their fears, their desires and their yearnings.

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I realize that there are exceptions to all generalities. However, in general, I have found homosexuals to be very tender sensitive people who have faced much rejection. I am not just talking about rejection after they began a homosexual lifestyle. I have found them to be people who faced rejection for a long time before they began to practice the homosexual lifestyle. Add that rejection to their sensitive nature and the rejection can pierce to a much deeper level.

I have also found some truth in the statement that homosexuals can be bitter, very biting and harsh in their reactions. There is a phrase within the inner healing community that carries much truth. This phrase is:

“Hurting people hurt others”.

It is not incongruous that someone can be tender, sensitive, kind and loyal and yet also be biting, sharp, bitter and quickly agitated if they feel attacked.

Have you loved them enough to listen?

When you really listen and you really love homosexuals, you will find that almost every single one of them has times when they greatly wish that they were not in a homosexual lifestyle. This is not something that is shared often. It is a very painful and private thing for a person to admit. They have to feel extremely loved and very safe before they admit it.

It is also not something that they feel all the time.

- Some homosexuals wish every week that they had another choice in their lifestyle.
- Some homosexuals don't ever wish for another choice.
- Some homosexuals only wish they had another choice in quiet reflective moments.

When you truly love a homosexual, you will want them to have a choice about their lifestyle. You will not force any choice on them.

However you will be protective of them having a freedom of choice.

Love requires giving people a choice!

If you love someone and want a romantic relationship with them, you hope and wish that they will want to love you.

- If you had the power, would you control their mind and force them to be attracted to you?
- Would you turn them into a mindless robot who has no choice but to be attracted to you?

Of course you would not. If you forced them to be attracted to you and gave them no choice – that would not be love. If you truly love someone, you want to give them choice.

This is the entire message of Jesus. Because God LOVES us he sent Jesus to make sure that we have a choice. That is why John 3:16 is the most famous verse in the Bible. For God so loved the world...

Jesus offers to every person that he will come into our lives and change us from the inside out. Jesus offers us another choice because he loves us.

What about the aspect of “Feeling” homosexual?

Feeling strong urges does not mean that you are born with those urges. It also does not mean that you always have to feel those urges. Let me give you seven examples of other groups who “Feel” strong urges to operate in certain behaviors.

I have worked very closely with many individuals in each of these groups. I love these people. They are not groups to me. They are individuals whom I love deeply.

1. Greedy people

Greedy people feel a massive craving to obtain more and more things. This craving for more things often brings ruin to many of their relationships. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

2. Fearful Anxious people

Phobias can crush a person’s soul. There are so many types of phobias. There are people who are paralyzed and won’t leave their home because they feel overwhelmed by feelings of fear. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

3. Pornographers

Pornography often starts out as experimentation. However, it quickly becomes addictive. Soon the pornographer is not able to have healthy relationships because of their craving for pornographic visual stimulation. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

4. Anger Addicts

Anger addicts eventually lose all of their friends and are alienated from all family members. It is a terribly sad and lonely existence. They make hundreds of resolutions to stop exploding in rage. However, without intensive counseling and facing the root reasons for their anger, they remain trapped by their feelings of anger. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

5. Compulsive Liars

Compulsive liars often face great wounds as children. Those wounds cause them to run to falsehoods as a refuge. Unfortunately, the refuge eventually becomes more of a trap than the original wounds. Lying becomes their first reaction. They feel shame and often hate themselves. Their lying alienates them from dear friends. Yet, lying feels so much more comfortable. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

6. Pedophiles

I am not saying that you have to approve of the pedophile’s lifestyle to love them. You can love someone deeply while not approving of their lifestyle. Pedophiles are often horribly wounded in childhood. Those wounds cause cravings in their soul. There is hope for the pedophile to be healed of their wounds and to change their cravings. It is not easy. However, there is hope. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

7. Substance Abusers

Substance abuse is another area that begins as a point of experimentation or as a reaction to soul wounds. The craving quickly becomes terribly overwhelming. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

Change is not easy

In all eight examples listed in this short paper, I have walked with many individuals through the extremely hard process of changing long term habits. I have cried with them, hurt with them, walked with them through the swamp of sorting truth from feelings, encouraged them, cheered them and loved them.

These are not groups to me. They are friends whom I love. Whether they wanted to change or not, I still love them. Whether they succeeded in their change or not, I still love them.

However, for those who did see permanent change, they learned the deep lesson that change is not easy. With major areas involving past pain and deeply seated habits, no one can change unless they have two assets.

1. First you need God's help as the main asset.
2. Secondly, you need loving, wise experienced friends who will walk with you through the entire process.

Change is not easy. However, because we love these individuals, we want them to have freedom of choice.

What does science say?

When someone says that people are born homosexual, they remove choice and tell a homosexual that they have no other option except to remain in a homosexual lifestyle. This is a very extreme unscientific statement and a very cruel statement to anyone who might not want to remain in a homosexual lifestyle. What is worse is that there is not one shred of scientific evidence to support this stance that someone is born homosexual.

In addition, there are tens of thousands of people who have left a homosexual lifestyle and lived a joyful heterosexual lifestyle for many years. If people were born homosexual, then it would be impossible for even one person to leave the homosexual lifestyle.

If someone really loved a homosexual, they would very carefully investigate this extremely radical theory that people are born homosexual. They would want scientific proof. They would want clear logic. They would not be eager to cruelly remove all options and remove all freedom of choice from the homosexual.

If you want to study what science says on this subject, I recommend a book by the world renowned Harvard geneticist Dr. Jeffery Satinover. Dr. Satinover holds degrees from MIT, University of Texas and Harvard. He is a former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale University. His book is titled "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth". Most of all I appeal to you to love homosexuals enough to give them freedom of choice.

Do you accept Homosexuals or do you try to change them?

I have been asked this question many times. This question makes me want to laugh or cry.

I cannot change anyone. I cannot even change myself. I was a selfish, arrogant, immoral person who blamed everyone else for all of my problems.

I tried to change myself many times and failed miserably. When I let Jesus begin to change me, I discovered a whole new lifestyle of humility, kindness and love. I continue to ask Jesus to change me every day. I ask for more of his humility, kindness and love.

Thus, I find it so funny that anyone would think that this pitiful weak person called "me" would try to change anyone. However, that level of misunderstanding also makes me so sad that I want to cry.

Do you want homosexuals to change their lifestyle?

I want everyone to know that they have a choice of changing their lifestyle. I also want to be such a humble, kind and loving representative of Jesus that they can see in my love, the love of Jesus and the offer of Jesus to give them a choice. I feel this way about every person who does not know the loving, life-changing power of Jesus Christ to give them a choice in their life.

Do you think that God and the Bible want homosexuals to change?

The Bible says that every person on the earth is separated from God and trapped in a life of selfishness. Whether it is complaining, lying, murder, being opinionated, blaming others, self-pity, anger or laziness, we are all trapped in selfishness. Jesus loves us so much that he paid the ultimate price to offer us a choice of another lifestyle.

Whether you agree or disagree on every point – please love them!

Whether you agree with me on all of these points or disagree, please hear my appeal. Please love homosexuals and every person enough to give them freedom of choice.