

# Something to Pray About

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*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* —Isaiah 5:20 NKJV

## Subverting the Good

*“If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.”* Leviticus 20:13. *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”* Genesis 2:24

The Church is losing the battle over the homosexual “marriage” issue. The younger generation has been brought up to see homosexuality as normal and the act of having sex man to man or woman to woman as not sinful. It is constantly put forth in the media that people are born either “straight” or “gay,” belying the fact that there is no positive, scientific proof that anyone is born “gay.” I know people who are living as “gays.” I show them the same respect as I do heterosexual men and women. Still, I cannot condone what they are doing, because God’s word is clear on this issue (see above and also Romans 1:24-27) and natural revelation is clear (men and women’s bodies are different for a reason).

God instituted marriage as the corner stone or foundation of civilization. He created us male and female and commanded us to “be fruitful and multiply,” and then subdue the earth and have dominion over all of it together (Genesis 1:27-28). Only a marriage between a male and female can obey that first command. Western civilization has long recognized that marriage is there to protect the woman and her offspring, too. In today’s culture, as marriage bonds become less and less binding, the state is quickly becoming the “husband” of the woman and her children.

Today, most people think of marriage as a partnership for making people happy. We want everyone to be happy, so we easily fall for the appeal to allow homosexuals to marry. But this is a subversion of what God intended. Satan has taken a good thing and subverted it into something it was never intended to be. This problem is exasperated by another of Satan’s lies: that there is one true love for each person and once I find that one true love I’ll be forever happy. The Christian version of this that God has pre-chosen one person to wed and I have to find that one person to be happy and obedient to God. But God made us able to fall in love with more than one person, because 1) people die and 2) for most of history the availability of partners was limited by number and distance and cultural or tribal differences. If we could truly only love one person, why do we see so much adultery, divorce and remarriages and multiple marriages? The reason we make public vows and place a legal hedge around a marriage is because it is so easy to find someone else who is compatible or would make a good mate. If you want your marriage to last, you must set personal boundaries, which you must actively work to keep solid and unmovable.

Satan has subverted everything in our world with sex. The natural affection and loyalty in male to male friendships has been subverted to homosexuality. The natural affection and loyalty in female to female friendships has been subverted to lesbianism. We need strong male friendships to sustain society, because men are usually the ones who fight to protect the group. They need to be loyal to one another

and care about each other to do a good job of this. Women need strong friendships to help them raise their children.

Satan continues his work to destroy society by subverting the natural affection we feel towards children into pedophilia. He also subverts male and female friendships into adulterous relationships and fornication. Often, he has subverted the God-given male leadership of the family into abuse of wife and children, and changed the wife as helpmate into the dependent, overly submissive or fearful wife. Look at Proverbs 31:10-31 to see the kind of wife God envisioned; and see Ephesians 5:22-33 for how God wants the husband and wife to behave in the marriage relationship.

God commands us to love one another, but he does not tell us to ignore sin. Jesus was open to every seeker of God no matter how great or grievous their sinfulness; then he told the person to go and sin no more. God has set boundaries for us because he cares for us, and as our Creator, he knows what is best for us and our society. So, why aren't we listening? How far will our rebellion go before our society is completely subverted by Satan and it collapses under the strain? Woe is what awaits everyone who calls evil good and good evil.