

LIFT YOUR DROOPING HANDS . . .

It's Time for More Christians to Get 'Sexually Explicit' (excerpts)

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Writing about sexual morality in the mid-twentieth century, C.S. Lewis [pointed out]:

There is no getting away from it: Lewis the old Christian rule is, "Either marriage, with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence."

Now this is so difficult and so contrary to our instincts, that obviously either Christianity is wrong or our sexual instinct . . . has gone wrong. One or the other. Of course, being a Christian, I think it is the instinct which has gone wrong.

. . . If he were writing or speaking today, Lewis would need to clarify that, by "marriage," he means the biblical definition of marriage. Tragically, this would be the case even if his audience were church-going Americans.

No other issue today has so divided Christendom than matters concerning homosexuality. Even the *Roe v. Wade* decision—which, in 1973, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy—did not so quickly or so decidedly corrupt Christians, Christianity, and the church as has the evil LGBT agenda.

. . . Barely over a decade ago, across the U.S., from the Deep South to the Northeast to the Midwest to the West Coast, Americans united behind biblical marriage.

According to Pew Research Center, in 2004, Americans opposed same-sex "marriage" by a margin of 60% to 31%. By 2019, those numbers had been almost exactly reversed. According to Pew, Americans now support same-sex "marriage" by a margin of 61% to 31%. Gallup polling shows similar trends . . .

How did this happen? How was there such a vast reversal on homosexuality and marriage in such a short period of time? Several things were at work in order to get millions of Americans to abandon long-held views on marriage: an organized and determined LGBT

agenda, a vast and like-minded media, like-minded federal judges, the Democratic Party, and most tragically, churches unwilling or unequipped to fight for the truth on these grave issues. . . .

Given the rampant sexual sin in our culture—much of it leading to death (abortion, disease, and the like)—and the significance of marriage—the lifetime union of one man and one woman—one would think that pastors, Sunday school teachers, church youth leaders, evangelists, Christian media, Christian politicians, Christian celebrities, Christian parents, and the like, would give great time and effort to telling the truth on what are undoubtedly some of the most important moral issues of our time. . . .

Now, perhaps more than at any other moment in history, it's time for Christians to be explicitly—even graphically—clear that the *only* rightful place for sex is within marriage. This is especially the case when it comes to our young people. Christians must be explicitly clear that marriage is *only* the lifelong union of one man and one woman (as revealed "in the beginning!"). Christians must be explicitly clear that *any* deviation from these truths—whether homosexuality, "shacking up," fornication, pornography, etc. is *sin*.

These truths must be loudly and plainly proclaimed in pulpits, classrooms, living rooms, board rooms, legislative houses, and the like. Decades of shying away from telling such truths is one of the biggest reasons why we are where we are on sexual matters in our culture. It's not just the media, the courts, corporations, and much of our government who have become agents of the enemy in this fight. Even the church itself has fallen to corruption as the result of sexual sin. . . .

When the church becomes so corrupted, there's no doubt that even further corruption awaits the culture. . . .

As a result of the evil "transgender" agenda, in a matter of only a handful of years we have seen males take trophies from females, men and boys invade women's and

girl's bathrooms and locker rooms, people facing prison, fines, or job loss because of the supposed misuse of pronouns, government schools embracing "transgenderism," government libraries hosting "Drag Queen Story Hour," corporations promoting "transgender" lies, the demand for tampons in men's rooms, state taxpayers forced to pay for "transgender" surgeries (dozens of democrat-led states now force this ignorant evil on taxpayers), and so on . . .

Again, where is the church on this grave matter? I'm sure that most Christians never imagined that they would have to defend the truth about something a child can be made to understand, but this is where the world is, and we must meet it there, with the truth. To my fellow believers, I say, properly equip yourselves, and get in this battle!



I confess that it makes me uneasy to put this great excerpt in this space. Why? Because of the hatred against God and any of us who follow Him and cling to Christian principles in our lives. Because of the very corruption the author describes that affects even those of us who try to be steadfast. What he says here is no longer "popular" or "universally accepted" morality, as it was a mere 10 or 20 years ago.

God's answer to me comes in Hebrews 12, excerpts:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your

struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. . . .

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Linda Gammel

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

ON THE SIN OF GLUTTONY (and trying to lose weight!)

I keep trying to lose weight... but it keeps finding me!

I have a weight problem: I can't wait to start eating!!!

I'm not overweight, I'm undertall. I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.

Some people are afraid of heights. I'm afraid of widths.

Never tell your mom her diet's not working.

Another good weight reducing exercise consists in placing both hands against the table edge and pushing back.

I'm a light eater. When it gets light, I start eating.

Relish today. Catchup tomorrow. I'm in shape. Round is a shape, isn't it?

I'm on a 90-day wonder diet. Thus far, I've lost 45 days.

Isn't it weird that 'Stressed' is 'Deserts' spelled backwards?

A woman's favorite three words aren't "I love you" but rather: "You've lost weight!"

EPITAPHS

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: "Here lies an Atheist / All dressed up and no place to go."

In a cemetery in England: "Remember man, as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, you soon will be. Prepare yourself and follow me."

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: "To follow you I'll not consent Until I know which way you went."



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