

Homosexuality: Tactics and Counter-Tactics

*"When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
(Psalm 11:3)*

1. Some Tactics of the Homosexual Movement (1 Cor 2:11)

- a. Making unjustified scientific claims: "condition" genetically determined; psychologically the life-style is "normal" behavior; irreversible
- b. Intimidation of opponents by name-calling; physical violence, vandalism, threats, etc.
- c. Desensitizing the public to the life-style through: publicity; TV; positive portrayals; gay parades; school curriculum, etc.
- d. Equating homosexual rights with Civil Rights gained in the 60's and 70's (minority being discriminated against, therefore a just cause)
- e. Questioning the authority and understanding of scripture and accusing the church of intolerance
- f. Claiming that to oppose the homosexual is to deny him his dignity ("God made me this way")
- g. Portraying homosexuals as victims needing legal protection from "homophobes" (hate crimes) and preventing discrimination in hiring practices, the work place, housing, etc.
- h. Protecting those with AIDS under "Handicap" legislation: it is a "condition"; working environment must accommodate; rental decisions; yet not treating AIDS like all other deadly STD's (accountability)
- i. Describing denial of gay marriages as the government unconstitutionally limiting individual rights
- j. Gays forcing gays out of the closet to gain exposure, notoriety and give impression of being widespread
- k. Ensuring that successful gays are widely recognized for their life-style as well as accomplishments
- l. Implementing gay friendly school curriculum (L.A. Project 10) and counseling approaches
- m. Creating a separate subculture and region within a city (e.g. Castro district in San Francisco)
- n. Creating extremely strong mutual support groups to keep a person in the life-style
- o. Drawing attention away from dominance of pedophilia amongst homosexuals
- p. Claiming homosexual practices are personal rights amongst consenting adults, not harming any others
- q. Intimidating the American Psychiatric Association into removing homosexuality from list of disorders
- r. Rewriting history to portray many past geniuses as "gay"

2. What can We Do?

- a. Become more knowledgeable about homosexuality and its affects
- b. Don't stereotype homosexuals into specific looks or mannerisms
- c. Counseling a gay is a difficult task - be well prepared (knowledgeable). Befriend and evangelize them and help them out of their life-styles. Some steps to keep in mind (patterned after ref e):
 - o Show Christian love for him but hate the sin (Matt 5:44; 19:19)
 - o Share your faith (2 Cor 1:4; Acts 1:8)
 - o Help them to accept Christ as their Lord & Savior, and to place their hope in Him (1 John 4:4)
 - o Teach them to have lives controlled by the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18; Gal 5:16)
 - o Exhort them to commit their body to Christ alone (1 Cor 6:19-20; Rom 12:1; 6:11-18)
 - o Help them face homosexuality as a sin, to confess and repent of it (1 John 1:9)
 - o Help them to address any anger in their lives (Eph 4:30-32)
 - o Help them to realize who we are in Christ (1 Peter 3:9-10)
 - o Show them how to control their minds and thoughts (2 Cor 10:5; Matt 5:28)
 - o Teach them to accept their own sexuality as God intended (male, female; Gen. 2:24)
 - o Make no exceptions for sin (Eph 5:3-4)
 - o Help them to avoid the homosexual environment (1 Cor 15:33), remember that this life style is sex centric and will entail a major re-vamping of patterns, habits, associations, etc.
 - o Help them to become active in a Bible believing church and home studies (Heb 10:25)
 - o Assist them in vigorously seeking out Christian companionship (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - o Ensure they have accountability to one or more Christian friends (Gal 6:1)
 - o Be conscientious about confidentiality (Prov 11:13)
- d. Write to local, state, and national leaders on issues relating to homosexuality that may be pending

- e. Work for the election of Christians who openly endorse Christ in standards of morality
- f. Pray for godly leaders to be raised up that will not compromise on moral issues
- g. Widely disseminate information on the facts about the gay life-style
- h. Be prepared to defend our view (Biblically and factually)
- i. Be vigilant about school programs, teachers flaunting their life styles, etc (address with the teacher, then the administration, then further up if necessary)
- j. Subscribe to the "Committee on Moral Concerns" monthly newsletter to be informed on CA legislation (P.O. Box 2768; Sacramento, CA 95812; (916) 446-5131; "www.moralconcerns.org")
- k. Oppose:
 - o Legislation forcing acceptance of homosexuality as a legitimate life style
 - o Use of tax money to fund homosexual pornographic propaganda
 - o "Hate Crime" legislation which penalizes people for their opinions of homosexuality
 - o School curriculum's depicting homosexuality as legitimate
 - o Domestic partner legislation that rewards immoral life-styles
- l. Campaign for restoration of moral restraint laws (anti-sodomy)
- m. Count the cost (to family, church) of openly opposing homosexuality
- n. For churches:
 - o Equip members with information
 - o Obtain legal advice on available actions relative to property and activity protection
 - o Determine how public to take a stance relative to homosexuality
 - o Establish procedures to address disruption of worship services
- o. Become familiar with local and national organizations that specifically deal with homosexuals
- p. Boycott businesses that promote the homosexual life-style (AT&T) or cater to the homosexual business (San Diego Zoo "Gay Day"; Cruise lines; etc)
- q. Provide fact sheets to the public, at work, etc.

3. Selected References for Further Study:

- a. *"Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth"*; Jeffrey Satinover, M.D.; Baker Books; 1996
- b. *"Homosexuality, a Biblical View"* by Greg Bahnsen; Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co, 1978
- c. *"Unnatural Affections"* by George Grant & Mark Horne; Legacy Communications, 1991
- d. *"When the Wicked Seize a City"* by Chuck & Donna McIlhenny & Frank York; Huntington House Publishers, 1993
- e. *"The Unhappy Gays - What Everyone Should Know About Homosexuality"*; Tim LaHaye, 1978

4. Selected Organizations with Ministries to Homosexuals:

- a. Exodus International - P.O. Box 2121, San Rafael, CA 94912; (415) 454-1017 (umbrella organization of over 200 ministries nationwide that treat homosexuality from Christian perspectives)
- b. Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship (IBCD) - 5353 Lake Murray Blvd; La Mesa, CA, (619) 462-9775 (strong and clear Biblical counseling)
- c. Desert Stream A.R.M. - 12488 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066; (310) 572-0140 (counseling, educational seminars and support groups - associated Living Waters Program offers Christian counseling for people seeking change)