

The Scriptural Standard

- Genesis 19:4–7: *“All the men from every part of the city of Sodom ... surrounded the house. They called to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.’ Lot ... said, ‘No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing.”*
- Leviticus 18:22: *“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”*
- Leviticus 20:13: *“If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable.”*
- Judges 19:22–23: *“Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have sex with him.’ The owner of the house ... said to them, ‘No, my friends, don’t be so vile. Since this man is my guest, don’t do this outrageous thing.”*
- Romans 1:26–27: *“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”*
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–10: *“Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ... will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.”

(Psalm 119:9–11)

The Scriptural Solution

- 1 Corinthians 6:11: *“And that [homosexual] is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*
- 1 Corinthians 6:13: *“The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”*
- 1 Corinthians 6:18: *“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.”*
- 1 Corinthians 6:19–20: *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”*
- 1 Corinthians 10:13: *“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”*
- James 1:21: *“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”*

*“Count yourselves dead to sin but
alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body
so that you obey its evil desires.*

*Do not offer any part of yourself to sin
as an instrument of wickedness,*

*but rather offer yourselves to God as those
who have been brought from death to life;*

*and offer every part of yourself to him
as an instrument of righteousness.*

For sin shall no longer be your master.”

(Romans 6:11–14)

What Factors Frequently Lead to Homosexuality in Men?

- **Failure to identify with his father**, whom he perceives as absent or weak, while seeing women as undesirable
He unconsciously concludes, *Women are not trustworthy or safe. If relationships with women are like this, I'm going to look only to men for love.* Because of the emotional void in his life, he is drawn to strong men. He rejects heterosexuality and plunges into homosexuality. This verse in Proverbs could easily apply to these gay sons because they feel emotionally wounded. ...
"There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers" (Proverbs 30:11).
- **Failure to bond with his father**, whom he views as non-affirming
He unconsciously concludes, *If this is what my home is like, I'm going to look for a new home.* Thus, he longs for a male father figure who will affirm him and give him a sense of significance. The Bible cautions fathers to be careful about their attitudes and actions toward their children. ...
"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).
- **Failure to emotionally attach to a positive, healthy male** because of abuse by a significant male
He unconsciously concludes, *If this is what being a man is like, I don't want a male identity.* Thus he tries to find security within a gay identity. The prayer of his heart could be ...
"But you, Sovereign LORD, help me for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me" (Psalm 109:21–22).

What Factors Frequently Lead Females into Lesbianism?

- **Failure to identify with her mother**, whom she perceives as absent or weak
She unconsciously concludes, *If this is what being a traditional woman is like, I want nothing to do with it.* Thus she tries to find security within a lesbian identity.
Because of heartache, she looks for love within a strong lesbian relationship. The Bible says ...
"Heartache crushes the spirit" (Proverbs 15:13).
- **Failure to bond with her mother**, whom she views as non-nurturing
She unconsciously concludes, *If this is what my home is like, I'm going to look for a new home.* She detaches her mind from her emotions and slips into a fantasy world where she searches for security from a *nurturing surrogate mother*. Then she attaches herself to a mother figure who sexualizes their relationship.

The mother who fails to nurture her children is not only unwise, but is also emotionally destructive. ...

"The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down" (Proverbs 14:1).

- **Failure to be drawn to males because of her abusive father** or mistreatment from other males
She unconsciously concludes, *Men are not trustworthy or safe. If this is what having a relationship with men is like, I want relationships only with women.* She rejects heterosexuality and plunges into homosexuality.
A nurturing father is vital in helping to establish a daughter's identity. If male nurturing is lacking, a daughter can become embittered and lack the courage to trust males. The Bible gives this warning to fathers ...
"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged" (Colossians 3:21).

Key Verses to Memorize

For Convicting the Heart

"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."
(1 Thessalonians 4:7)

For Conquering the Hurt

*"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind.
Is anything too hard for me?"*
(Jeremiah 32:27)

Key Passage to Read

1 Corinthians 6:9–20

How to Find Freedom

- F**ace the truth that homosexual behavior is a sin, forbidden by God. (Romans 1:26–27)
- R**ealize that you have a Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who sets you free from sin. (Luke 4:18)
- E**liminate the false belief that your own willpower can set you free. (John 15:5)
- E**xchange your lack of control for Christ's control by yielding your body to Christ. (Romans 6:11–14)
- D**epend on God to meet all your emotional needs. (Hebrews 4:16)
- O**pen the door to healthy relationships, and close the door on homosexual relationships. (1 Corinthians 15:33–34)
- M**aintain an eternal perspective and a focus on godly priorities. (Hebrews 12:1)

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."
(Galatians 5:1)

Questions and Answers

“Is homosexual temptation a sin?”

No. Jesus was tempted “in every way,” yet He did not sin. Therefore, temptation is clearly not a sin ... however, yielding to temptation is a sin.

“For we do not have a high priest [Jesus] who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one [Jesus] who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”
(Hebrews 4:15)

“Is homosexual behavior a sin?”

Yes, according to numerous passages in the Bible. The Law of God states ...

“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”
(Leviticus 18:22)

“Is homosexuality the worst sin?”

No. Based on the Bible, if we commit any sin, we are guilty of breaking the whole law.

“Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”
(James 2:10)

“Is homosexuality ‘natural’ for some people?”

Homosexuality could be considered “natural” in the same way that it is “natural” for a sinner to sin. Thus, unnatural behavior can actually feel natural to those with unnatural inclinations and desires. The Bible unequivocally states that sexual relations between members of the same sex are unnatural and shameful.

“Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”
(Romans 1:26–27)

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