

President's Desk

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Since Rosie O'Donnell declared herself the "good example" of gay parenting, the nation has been abuzz. Few topics related to the gay community have received as much media attention in recent years as this one. There seems to be genuine confusion, even among Christians, as to the proper perspective.

Genuine Confusion

We featured the story of Jakii Edwards, a woman raised by a lesbian mother who was extremely abusive, on our daily radio program and got the following responses:

★ "Your coverage of Jakii's tragic story plays upon the emotions of your listeners in an attempt to create a reactionary backlash."

★ "Be honest: Your purpose in telling Ms. Edwards' story was to create the impression that gay parents are necessarily less fit than straight ones. Jesus of Nazareth, a great moral teacher, urged his listeners to love their neighbor, even if their neighbor was a member of a despised group."

★ "These children deserve to be adopted by someone who will love them as Christ loved the unwanted. If you are qualified for that job, it doesn't matter if you're single or married, homosexual or straight."

★ "Being gay doesn't make you a bad parent."

★ "The church has turned homosexuality into the leprosy of today. Jesus would not have treated them the way the church does."

Let me share with you, our readers, my response: We do not need the perfect gay-parenting story in order to understand that gay adoption is wrong. Gay adoption is wrong because homosexuality is wrong, and homosexuality is wrong because God has been very clear that under no circumstances is it to be practiced or tolerated.

Shades of Gray

If we had told the story of a child who grew up to win the Nobel prize who was raised by two lesbians in a beautiful, serene environment, would that have legitimized gay parenting? Would you then conclude that adultery is also okay under certain circumstances? Adultery can be "justified." Perhaps your new partner is nicer, more compatible, or even more spiritual than your current spouse. By the pro-gay parenting argument, such adulteries are "okay."

Better personal circumstances do not mean God's laws and prohibitions are less true. I have friends who lived together before they were married. They are in a wonderful, long-term—for life, actually—marriage. Do we conclude that, based on their example, God got it

all wrong when he forbade sex before marriage?

Our principles and convictions are not drawn from personal experience or polls. Those of us who have placed our trust in Christ understand that. We trust His Word and His boundaries. We accept that sexual sin is wrong.

Adultery, pornography and homosexuality are wrong because God says they are wrong.

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On *Concerned Women Today*, we did not seek out the "perfectly awful" story to prove God right. We don't feel

compelled to do that. He *is* right. He has said "obedience is better than sacrifice." And He goes on to say, "If you love me, keep my commandments." We show our love and service to Him by taking Him at His Word and obeying.

The Rest of the Story

But here, as Paul Harvey would say, is the "rest of the story." It is also true that frequently there are disastrous consequences to ignoring God's prohibitions. Sometimes they show up in future generations, but usually you don't have to wait that long. If you think a homosexual household operates like a normal, functioning, heterosexual-couple household, you are naïve and ignorant of the lifestyle.

If you think you can practice homosexuality without any effect or


consequence upon your life or those around you, ask Rosie why she has said she doesn't want her kids to grow up homosexual.

What could possibly be so bad about gay parenting or "outcome-based adultery"? As the serpent in the garden said, "Surely God didn't mean *that* tree?" I am confident our all-wise, loving Creator will, in the final analysis, be

proven right.

Meanwhile, He asks the question of those of us who seem to "know better": "Who is this that belittles my advice without having any knowledge about it?" Job 42:3a (*God's Word* translation)

I am personally waiting for a thunderous voice to

ask, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" This mysterious Creator, the One who laid those moral and physical foundations, is the same wonderful Savior who gave His own life to provide complete forgiveness for the very sin He condemns. He is the One to whom we will one day, like Job, say: "I have uttered things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. Therefore I ... repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:3b, 6) 

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CWA's Culture & Family Institute has analyzed research studies dealing with the impact of gay parents on their children. To read the analysis, visit <http://legislation.cwfa.org/aap>, or call 1-800-458-8797, ext. 104, to request your free copy.