

Message Guide

This Message Guide may be a little different from those that you have used before.

The purpose of these Notes is not an in-depth study of the scriptures used, but rather to assist you or your Study Group as you reflect on these messages given by Charles Price.

We present questions in order to stimulate discussion. Sometimes we will give you the answer ... sometimes not. At other times a statement or a theme is presented for your consideration.

As you allow the Holy Spirit to guide the direction of your study and discussions we pray the flexibility of this Message Guide will help you as you delve more deeply into Charles' message, and that you will unearth more lessons from the Lord that may not have been immediately obvious.

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Gender & Sexuality
Part 1 – Facing The Gender Dilemma
Scriptures: Genesis 1:26 - 28 & 2:7, 15 - 25

1. Please read Genesis 1:26 - 28, 2:7 and 2:15 - 25

What does 'Gender' mean? _____

What does 'Sexuality' mean? _____

2. What are the four premises that Charles will be using as we study this delicate subject?

3. What has happened to the sexual ethics of the Western world in the last 50 years?

4. Charles spoke of the Bible being helpful and unhelpful. What did he cite as being unhelpful?

5. So where do we start?

We can't have a doctrine of S _____ without having a doctrine of G _____

We can't have a doctrine of G _____ without going back to the B _____

6. The 'beginning' is in the singular statement found in Genesis 1:27 - please read and consider.

7. Male and Female were created to be equal in what three ways? Please read again and consider Genesis 1:27 & 28.

8. However, what do we find in Genesis Chapter 2? Specifically verse 7?

9. What is it that is declared as being 'not good', and what are the 3 reasons for this?

10. Adam was created out of dust, but Eve was created out of Adam's rib. Why the difference?

Final Thoughts

The Bible is unhelpful to us in practice of sexual relationships
 - but it is very helpful in precept / teaching;
 and so it is **teaching** that we must go to for our **instruction**
 against the background of the real life situations of the day.

The main thought to remember is that this 'new unit' - male and female in unity -
 was to be the bedrock of society. Adam with his helper, Eve.
 But to understand Eve's role better please look at the following scriptures.

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| Genesis 2:18 & 20 | Exodus 18:4 |
| Deuteronomy 33:29 | Psalms 10:14 |
| Psalms 27:9 | Psalms 118:7 |
| Hosea 13:9 | |

The word 'helper' is not about submission. God 'our helper' is not in submission.
 It speaks of **the indispensability of women to man,**
as God is indispensable to His people.

Eve, as 'helper' has to do with **the inter-dependence of male and female.**
Different roles but indispensable to one another.
Two distinct individuals, yet inter-dependent as one another

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Gender & Sexuality **Part 2 – The Myths and Mysteries of Marriage** **Scriptures: Ephesians 5:15 - 33**

1. Read and consider Ephesians 5:15 - 33

What is the command to Christians embedded in these verses?

2. Read again and consider Ephesians 5:25 – 27. What is this about?

3. **The Myths of Marriage**

Consider and discuss what these may be.

4. There are 2 possible conflicting ideas about marriage.

1. That Marriage is E _ _ _ _ _

5. Marriage is necessary for a complete / fulfilling life. Right or Wrong?

6. The second conflicting idea about marriage.

2. That Marriage is N _ _ _ _ _

7. **The Mysteries of Marriage**

One of the big mysteries of marriage is that it is a **Covenant Relationship**.

What is a 'covenant'?

8. So how does a Consumer attitude differ from a Covenant attitude?

Final Thoughts

Marriage illustrates the relationship between Christ and the church.
Christ and the church illustrate the relationship in marriage.
To understand one you need to understand the other.

The greatest thing God has done - redemption.
The most intimate thing we can know - marriage.

This study has only scratched the surface of all the myths and mysteries of marriage;
but this is a good place to start.

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Part 3 – The Purpose and Pitfalls of Sex
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:18 to 7:7

1. Read and consider 1 Corinthians 6:18 to 7:7
What are the two most powerful forces in our lives?

2. Sigmund Freud spoke of **The Pleasure Principle versus The Reality Principle**.
What is your understanding of **The Pleasure Principle**?

3. What then is **The Reality Principle**?

4. Let's take a look first at **The Purpose of Sex**
Read and consider 1 Corinthians 7:3
So what is this marital duty?

5. Adam KNEW Eve. Read and consider Genesis 4:1 preferably from the KJV.

6. Now read and consider Genesis 2:24. What is the second phrase?

7. So the purpose of sex can be filtered down to two primary purposes:

i R _____

ii R _____

And note that R _____ is NOT one of the purposes of sex.

8. Now read and consider 1 Corinthians 7:3 - 5 and Ephesians 5:28

9. **The Pitfalls of Sex**

Read and consider 1 Corinthians 6:13b and v.18

What do we mean by 'sexual immorality'?

Final Thoughts

Marriage strips away the illusions about sex that are pounded into us by the entertainment media. Few of us live with oversexed supermodels. We live instead with ordinary people, men and women who get bad breath, body odors, and unruly hair; who menstruate and experience occasional impotence, who can have bad moods etc.

We live with people who require compassion, tolerance, understanding and an endless supply of forgiveness. So does your partner!

The power of sexual desire lures us to a place that demands our unconditional love, patience and generosity. It gives us a wonderful experience of love, closeness and togetherness that produces helpless babies who need our time, energy, money, patience, wisdom, care, and who tie us up for 20 years at least - and then beyond that.

Yes, it pulls us to the very place where the best of sacrificial living is brought out in us. Yes, there is joy there to, but it will **cost us everything**.

**If you don't know that, sex will be a broken plaything.
And it will eventually break you!**

Also consider this:-

In 'situational ethics', which is the predominant secular viewpoint, nothing is universally right or wrong.

Nothing is intrinsically good or intrinsically bad.

Good and bad are things that happen to actions in different situations.

So, only one thing is intrinsically good - and that is 'love'.

Anything done in 'love' is good.

This way of thinking discards and discounts any sense of objective morality on the basis of the character of God, and revealed to us in scripture.

It does begin with 'love' - love God, love your neighbor - but there also needs to be a moral structure to all behavior

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Part 4 – Singleness: The Gift Few People Want

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 7:1 - 2 and 25 - 40

1. Read and consider 1Corinthians 7:25 - 40
2. Who are 'single' people; remembering that everybody is single at some time.

3. Read and consider 1 Corinthians 7:4
4. How is 'singleness' generally viewed in society today?

5. We will look at this under 3 headings:

1. The Local Issue

Read and consider 1 Corinthians 7:1

6. **2. The Personal Issue**

Read and consider 1 Corinthians 7.7 and Mathew 19

7. Christianity does have a limited field, but . . .
read and consider 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 16

8. Finally **3. The Over-Arching Issue**

Read and consider 1 Corinthians 7:26 - 27 and v.29 - 31

Final Thoughts

Remember:

Jesus is the central figure of the Bible - He was single.
Paul was the most prolific writer of the New Testament - he was single.

God's appeal is the same to both married people and non-married people.

- Keep your eye on the Big Picture
 - This world and this life is not the whole story
 - Your life is not defined by your marital status
- Don't prejudice the will of God out of an urgent desire to marry
- Remember: seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you

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Gender & Sexuality Part 5 – Finding The Right Spouse Scriptures: Genesis 24

1. This study contains 10 principles for finding a spouse.
We will go through each one individually, and share the appropriate scripture.
2. **1. Decide when it is right to marry**
Read and consider Genesis 24:1 - 4
3. **2. She/He must be one of God's own people**
Read and consider Genesis 24:3 - 4
4. **3. Trust God to guide you**
Read and consider Genesis 24:5 - 7
5. **4. When is a time to start looking?**
Read and consider Genesis 24:10
6. **5. Pray about the process**
Read and consider Genesis 24:12
7. **6. Look for qualities of character.**
8. **7. Get to know him/her as a whole person**
Read and consider Genesis 24:15 - 21
9. **8. Get to know his/her family and history**
Read and consider Genesis 24:22 - 23
10. **9. Wait until you both see the guidance of God**
Read and consider Genesis 24:34 - 49
11. **10. When you commit, commit fully**
Read and consider Genesis 24:57 - 61

Final Thoughts

These 10 points are a guideline to help you through the process of finding a spouse.
Remember, the 3 fundamental ingredients of a good marriage are:

Mutual **respect**
Mutual **trust**
Mutual **love**

Add to that putting God first in your lives as individuals and as a couple.

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Gender & Sexuality Part 6 – The Homosexual Dilemma Scriptures: Galatians 6:1 - 5

1. This could best be described as a 'delicate' subject as most of us have already formed our opinion on it. May we suggest that you open your heart and mind to allow the Lord to perhaps modify your thinking. Please read and consider Galatians 6:1 - 5

2. **i. The Society** of which we are a part

There has been a radical change in the collective cultural conscience regarding homosexuality in recent decades.

a. In what year was homosexual acts between consenting adults over age 18 made legal in Canada?

b. In what year was Same Sex Marriage legalized across Canada?

3. We can ask the question:

How can something that was criminalized as recently as 50 year ago now become universally accepted, affirmed and even promoted?

4. We previously lived under what was called Modernism

which was built on L ____ and R _____

Now we live under what is called Post-modernism which is built on V _____

5. Modernism created a world with . . .

R _____

A _____

C _____

6. Post-modernism, based on values, brought in -

Civil rights movements

Collapse of Colonialism

Feminism - equality , liberty and dignity for women we're doing OK so far.

But it also ushered in the **Sexual Revolution** - not governed by any rules, but by tolerance. **Whatever is willingly consented to is legitimate.**

And see "Answers" section

7. **ii. The Scripture** to which we must submit

We are dealing here NOT with 'reason' or 'values', but rather with **revelation**.

Read and consider: Genesis 19:1 - 19

8. Now read and consider: Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13

9. **iii. The Struggle** with which some of us live.

Why is this a struggle for some Christians?

10. The origins of homosexual attraction are much debated.

Is it N _____ or is it N _____ ?

11. **iv. The Strategy** by which we must live.

We can be clear: homosexual **activity** is outside the will of God.

But homosexual **orientation** is not a sin; it is a fact in some people's lives.

Can it change? All we can say is that change is possible, but not inevitable.

Now read and consider Galatians 6:1 - 2

Final Thoughts

Nowhere in scripture is there any endorsement of any homosexual activity.
This has been a consistent understanding of Scripture by Christian people
in the 2000 years of Christian history.

However, where homosexuals are concerned
the big challenge to us as a church is to be **Accepting**.

More than that
Affirming of Fellowship and Friendship in the battle they face.
and also to be **Inclusive**.

This doesn't have to be a dark secret, buried and disguised.
When people are free to be open and honest about their struggles,
the struggles are eased.
Secrets can be dangerous.

Do not be bigoted and intolerant.

As Christ loves the sinner but not their sin
[people such as you and I],
so Christ loves those of homosexual orientation
[but not homosexual activity].
In other words - Christ loves us all the same.

Leader's Message Guide & Answers

This Leader's Guide is prepared to help the Study Group Leader keep the discussions moving along. Maybe your people will come up with different answers, or perhaps they will need a little prompting from you.

Remember, you want to encourage your people to fully participate. This is not a 'teaching session' by the Group Leader, but rather a discussion group. This may at first seem like a contradiction, but you will need for the Lord to give you wisdom to keep the discussions 'on track' while also allowing the Holy Spirit to direct your path.

Leader's Message Guide & Answers

Gender & Sexuality Part 1 – Facing The Gender Dilemma Scriptures: Genesis 1:26 - 28 & 2:7, 15 - 25

1. 'Gender' means “The interplay of Male and Female in roles and relationships”
'Sexuality' means “Our sexual behavior and relationships.”
2. Charles will address these issues: Realistically
Honestly
Compassionately
Biblically

Please be open to allow the Holy Spirit to modify your thinking.

3. The most dramatic and significant change in sexual ethic in the Western worlds is that it has moved from being an ethic built around moral structures and discipline, to an ethic of 'consent' and 'freedom'.
4. It is unhelpful that in the Bible we cannot find even one example of a good marriage or a great family - whether we look at Abraham, Moses or David.
5. We can't have a doctrine of **Sexuality** without a doctrine of **Gender**
We can't have a doctrine of **Gender** without going back to the **Beginning**.
6. God created man - singular - meaning all mankind, humanity.
Then it became plural: One humanity - 2 genders - male and female.
That is very clear and simple - just two genders - male and female.
No trans-genders, cross-genders or 'gender benders'. And please note that 'homosexuality' is not categorized as a 'gender'.
[This will be discussed more fully in Part 6 in his series.]
7. Male and Female - as Humanity - were:

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Equal in Creation | Genesis 1:17 |
| Equal in Consideration | Genesis 1:27 |
| Equal in Commission | Genesis 1:28 |
8. In Chapter 2 we find a more detailed version of the creation of man and women.
 - a. The Male was created first. verse 7
 - b. God decide to create a 'helper' for the Male. verse 18
 - c. Up until now everything created was declared as being 'good' but now it is declared as being 'very good' verse 31
 - d. But verse 18 declared something as being 'not good'
9. Genesis 2:18 declares that *'it is not good for man to be alone'* Why?
 - a. We are Spiritual beings - we need relationship with God.

- b. We are Social beings - we need relationship with other people.
- c. We are Sexual beings - Male & Female need to 'compliment' each other.

10. It was symbolic. If Eve were also made out of dust [like Adam] it would have symbolized equality, but by being made out of Adam's rib it symbolized the Unity between Male and Female.

Read Genesis 2:24 One flesh became two persons.

Then two persons became one flesh.

So 'one flesh' in marriage would procreate and so fulfill the first command to '*be fruitful and multiply*'.

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Part 2 – The Myths and Mysteries of Marriage

Scriptures: Ephesians 5:15 - 33

1. Christians are commanded to '*be filled with the Spirit*'
Read verses 19 and 21 to see what this would mean.
2. This is about Christ portraying the husband; giving Himself for the church [portraying the wife]
3. Possible Myths about marriage:
 Marriage will meet my needs. It becomes a 'consumer' relationship.
 Marriage has its' benefits, such as;
 - i. Companionship
 - ii Sex
 - iii Children
 - iv Belonging
 - v. Identity.

This may be true, but a relationship founded on these things will last only as long as those needs are being met. If someone else comes along who meets more needs, in a better way, is more exciting, then the marriage becomes threatened.

4. 1. That Marriage is **Everything**.

It is possible to be in love with the 'idea' of marriage.
Beware of just looking for an 'actor' to play the opposite role in your dream.

5. Wrong!
 Jesus was never married, yet He was the most 'fully man' as God intended man to be.
 Paul was a single man, and he extolled the virtues of singleness to the extent that he actually said '*It is better not to marry*' 1 Corinthians 7:1.

Charles deals with 'singleness' exclusively in Part 4 in this series.

6. 2. That Marriage is **Nothing** - it is just a piece of paper.
 Many in our society have become disillusioned with marriage.

Don't think that all your emotional needs and sexual desires will be met forever after in your marriage.

Marriage brings us into a more intense proximity to another human being than any other relationship can. We are made up of many layers, some of which we haven't understood or come to terms with ourselves, and they will come to light - not for abuse, but for healing.

And remember: as you will bring your faults, hurts and problems into the marriage, so your spouse will bring theirs too.

7. A 'covenant' is an agreement between two parties in the best interest of the other party.
8. Consumer attitude begins with: You are here for me.
Covenant attitude begins with: I am here for you.

Any marriage based on a Consumer attitude is pretty much doomed to fail.

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Part 3 – The Purpose and Pitfalls of Sex

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:18 to 7:7

1. The two most powerful forces in our lives are:
 - a. Experiences in infancy that surface throughout life.
 - b. The role of our sexuality in our desires and expectancies.

2. With **The Pleasure Principle** people **seek pleasure** and **avoid pain**.
 This pleasure principle is the driving force of the ego that seeks gratification of all needs, wants and urges, including hunger, thirst, and sex.
 When these needs are NOT met the result is a state of anxiety or tension.

3. **The Reality Principle** has become **the basis of modern ethics** which says:
 In life, go for pleasure, while avoiding pain.
 Simply put: for example: Sexual abstinence outside of marriage has become a pain that we do not want to endure; so rather than a disciplined sexuality, we have un-disciplined pleasure-seeking as the prize.

4. As a basis for this answer we need to look at two phrases used in Genesis about the sexual relationship.

5. 'Knowledge' is the deepest kind of intimacy between two people, and it involves the whole person, but is fully expressed in the sexual act. It is about more than making a baby. Adam **KNEW** his wife Eve.

6. The second phrase is that they 'become one flesh'.
 Becoming 'one flesh' is a spiritual oneness, a vital communion of heart. The bodily union is its consummation, but the physical union without that spiritual and heartfelt union is left empty.

7. The purpose of sex can be filtered down to:
 - i
 - i **Relationship** - as a expression of, and builder of, the depth of union between two people that brings them together in deep connection spiritually etc.
 - ii **Reproduction** - making babies.

And note that **Recreation** is NOT one of the purposes of sex.

8. 1 Corinthians 7:3 - 5 - be careful to understand that this does NOT mean 'Your body is mine.' but rather, **'My body is yours.'**

In Ephesians 5:28 Paul uses Christ and the church as an example.

It is extremely important to remember that, yes, sex is the glue in a marriage,
 but **you cannot build anything with just glue.**
 Glue holds things of substance together.

If there is no substance - glue will tear and destroy.

9. There are two main definitions in the New Testament in heterosexual relationships.

i. **Adultery** -

Sex outside of marriage [extra marital] - breaking that bond of oneness.

ii **Fornication** -

Sex prior to marriage [pre-marital]

Read and consider also 1 Corinthians 7:1b and 1 Corinthians 7:36 - 38

Sex is such a powerful force that young people may have trouble understanding how anything else could ever eclipse it. Most married people will tell you that sex within marriage is neither as easy nor as important as they had imagined.

Yes, it provides intimacy and pleasure, but much of marriage consists of making day-to-day decisions, managing the complexities of careers and schedules, rearing children, negotiating differences, juggling finances, and all the other effort involved in keeping a home running.

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Part 4 – Singleness: The Gift Few People Want

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 7:1 - 2 and 25 - 40

1. We should note that in verse 25 the word 'virgins' refers to those who are single.
2. Who are the 'single people?'
 - i. Prior to marriage everyone is single.
 - ii. After the death of a spouse.
 - iii. After a divorce.
 - iv. Some people never marry.
3. Singleness is a 'gift'
Marriage also is a 'gift'
4. Either consciously or subconsciously
 - i. Some people view marriage and singleness as **parallel states**.
Each with their particular joy and sorrows, benefits and troubles.
 - ii. Singleness is seen as being deficient - second best.
Although singleness is now more accepted in our society, it is still often thought that it is **missing something vital**.
 - iii. In some cultures singleness is seen as being something special.
Some religious orders view singleness and celibacy as a calling - they embrace it as a privilege.
5. A question that was probably being asked in Corinth - a sexually promiscuous city - could have been :

In the prevailing culture of sexual freedoms, is it reasonable to ask Christians to refrain from sexual activity outside of marriage, or is it OK for them to have some measure of sexual experience outside of marriage?

That same idea prevails today, but Paul is very clear in that if you cannot control your sexual desires it is better to marry.

That is not the best reason to marry, but how do we cope as a single person today when we are relentlessly bombarded with sexual messages, images and life-styles?
6. *1 Corinthians 7.7*
Everyone has their own personal status in life.
Paul was single, so he sees the advantages.

Mathew 19
Jesus gives several reasons why people remain single.
 - i. **They were born that way.**
They lack the desire to be married.

- ii. **They were made that way by men.** This in reference to eunuchs
They were physically castrated; or some emotional, psychological damage was inflicted upon them in the past, leaving them fearing relationships or unable to sustain a relationship.
 - iii. **They renounced marriage** because of the Kingdom of Heaven.
They made a decision or came to the conclusion that they can serve God better as a singled person as opposed to being married.
7. The words of that scripture are self-evident.
Also beware of *Missionary Dating*, which is when you date someone to win them to Christ. Some people have entered into this but have been pulled off course instead. By all means build friendships with unbelievers, but don't date them.
8. Our present circumstances are not our ultimate circumstances.
Rules that guide our present life, do not guide the future.
Live in the Present Time with a Future Perspective.

Here is the most important issue.

NOT Who is going to be my Mate?

But **Who is going to be my Master?**

If you are Married - Look after your spouse and family, together *under the Lordship of Christ*

If you are Single - Also, *under the Lordship of Christ*, take the opportunities He gives you. Develop good relationships and friendships, but **trust HIM with the agenda of your life.**

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Gender & Sexuality Part 5 – Finding The Right Spouse Scriptures: Genesis 24

1. -
2. Read and consider Genesis 15:15
If God was going to fulfill His promise to Abraham it was logical to assume that Isaac would marry and have children.

The question needs to be asked of ourselves: Is it right for me to marry? - not just assume that it is.
3. The people of God were to marry only other people of God.
Read 2 Corinthians 6:14
Even today it is better not to get involved in a relationship that cannot lead to marriage - if your partner is not a Christian. It is best to make the decision that you will not marry someone outside of the will of God.
4. Don't panic or get desperate.
God will be preparing you as He will also be preparing your spouse.
Don't present God with an agenda.
If you marry the wrong person out of impatience, you'll have to live with that wrong person.
5. In this case the need to find a bride for Isaac had come.
Marriage does not just happen like catching the flu.
If you have taken the steps already looked at and determined that it is right that you marry, it is alright to start to mix with and meet folks. But remember - never panic – God's timing is always perfect.
6. It is a good idea to start praying for the person you will marry even though you don't know who he/she is.
In the case of Isaac read and consider Genesis 24:13 - 14
7. In the scripture we just read we see that 'a trap' is set, but one that reveals the kind and generous nature of Isaac's future wife.
To marry on the grounds of physical attraction alone can lead to disaster.
8. Get to know him/her as a person in their own right.
Your future spouse is not to be an extension of you; he /she will be an independent person. If possible, check his/her actions and reactions under pressure.
9. Although you are not marrying the family of your spouse, you are marrying the product of that family. It is helpful to know what kind of family he/she is from.
10. Don't be pushed by someone else's guidance.
Read and consider Genesis 24:50
11. Remember: even finding the right spouse does not ensure a good marriage.
You still have to work on developing and growing that relationship.

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Gender & Sexuality Part 6 – The Homosexual Dilemma Scriptures: Galatians 6:1 - 5

1. The template of this study will be:
 - i. **The Society** - of which we are a part
 - ii. **The Scripture** - to which we must submit
 - iii. **The Struggle** - with which some of us live
 - iv. **The Strategy** - by which we must live

2. a. - **1969**
 b. - **2005**

3. It would take a far longer study than we have time for to properly explain this phenomena. Please read on for a quick explanation:

4. We previously lived under what was called Modernism which was built on **LAWS** and **RULES**
 Now we live under what is called Post-modernism which is built on **VALUES**
 This appears to be reasonable. Right?

5. Modernism created a world with
Racism - one race being superior to others.
 the ultimate expression being found in the Nazi doctrine.
Apartheid - institutionalized segregation.
Colonialism - occupation of one people by another with a condescending view.
 None of this was good or right.

6. Post-modernism declares that **Homosexual practice has logically become a right, a freedom, and entitlement.**
 To deny that right is only on the grounds of **fear & prejudice.**
 Hence the words coined in the 70's **"Homophobia" and 'Homophobic'**
 Add to this, we also now have to contend with **'Political Correctness'** which is 'unchallenged, assumed correctness'

7. Now, referring to the previous scripture read and consider 2 Peter 2:7 and Jude verse 7

8. Now read and consider also: Romans 1:18 - 32 and 1 Corinthians 6:9 - 10

- 9. i. It may involve members of your family.
- ii. Maybe you, yourself, are attracted to members of your own gender.
- iii. Perhaps you have a friend or work colleague who is this way inclined.

However, it is important to establish this fact:

No one decides to be homosexual in orientation.

Homosexual attraction is no more a decision than heterosexual attraction.

- 10. Is it **Nature** or is it **Nurture**?

Nature - There are theories about Genetic Factors - but no proof
No 'homosexual gene' has been identified.

There are effeminate men who are 'straight' just as there are masculine women who are 'straight'.

Nurture - It has been suggested that perhaps if a boy has been interfered with when young or perhaps when a girl has been abused by a man or men, then that person retreats into the security of their own gender? But many who have had these experiences have remained heterosexual.

We do not have a clear explanation as to why some people are of homosexual orientation, but for some people it is the reality.
For them **It Is What It Is**

So how do we deal with this with compassion?

- 11. The main points here are:

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| Restore him gently | - no condemning |
| Restore him humbly | - watch yourself; are you without sin? |
| Restore him fully | - carry each others burdens |