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## Homosexuals in the military are a detriment to our country

**USA Today** (Wednesday, 10/20/10) reported that a federal judge overturned the "don't ask, don't tell" rule in the military. This rule was instituted during President Clinton's administration as a compromise between the homosexual rights advocates and those in favor of biblical values. Do not think that I am writing about the political ramifications involved because I am fairly apolitical. But I am quite religious and as a preacher of the Gospel I am duty-bound to preach the truth of the Gospel to both friend and foe. Furthermore, I am not homophobic, nor am I a hatemonger. I have had numerous friends who were homosexual, and I do not hate or mistreat those who promote homosexuality or who practice it.

If we accept the Bible as our moral standard, then there is no place for compromise with the homosexual advocates. Homosexuality is not a right but a sin, and it makes no sense to advocate the right to be a sinner regardless of the sin being promoted. "Sodomites" (1 Tim. 1:10, NKJV) are among those who are proclaimed as being "lawless and disobedient" and who practice things "contrary to sound doctrine." Genesis 19 makes it apparent what a Sodomite is, a man who wants to know another man sexually. Leviticus 18:22 says plainly "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination." And while that law was given to the Israelites under the Law of Moses, it is obvious that the sin is likewise condemned in the New Testament. When we preach against this sin, as we do all other sins, are we being hateful and judgmental? Not at all. We are simply proclaiming the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). God's Standard has been around much longer than the homosexual advocates troubling this country today. And God's Standard will be there long after America's laws and statutes have ceased to exist.

What concerns me today is the slow and gradual acceptance of homosexuals in their sin. Many denominations have not only accepted these sinners, but even placed them in leadership roles in their denominations! The media constantly advocates homosexuality as a positive, healthy thing rather than the vile sin which it is. Science has never proven that homosexuality is an inborn trait, and it never will. But the sin is promoted as though it were! Beware my beloved brethren, lest you be overcome by sin in what you accept!

## What Should We Do?

We must continue to teach the truth in kindness and love. 1 Corinthians 6:9 says that homosexuals and sodomites will not inherit the kingdom of God! Herein lies the problem. Federal judges cannot legislate what God will accept in heaven. Their judgments and edicts are purely earthly ones. God will be the final Judge and His laws are irrevocable.

So what will happen if Christians begin to accept and mimic the immoral standards of these sin advocates and begin to fellowship such sinners in the church? Both the sinners and those who fellowship them will stand in condemnation before God based upon the truths of the Gospel (2 Jn. 9-11). But neither will know nor understand this until it is eternally too late!

The more immediate danger is that America will lose its moral fiber and some will think that our government has jurisdiction over what is moral or not! "Woe unto those who call evil good and good evil!" (Isaiah 5:20). "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

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