

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO HOMOSEXUALITY

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Perceptions: ages 16 – 29	Outsiders	Church
Anti-homosexual	91%	80%
Judgmental	87%	52%
Hypocritical	85%	47%
Old-fashioned	78%	36%
Too involved with politics	75%	50%
Out of touch with reality	72%	32%
Insensitive to others	70%	29%
Boring	68%	27%
Not accepting of other faiths	64%	39%
Confusing	61%	44%

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Christian Response

I. Convicted

- A. Gay sex is not the worst sin
- B. Our sin is just as odious

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Christian Response

II. Consistent

- A. Regarding relationships
 - 1. Singleness is a gift (1 Corinthians 7)
- B. Regarding sexuality
 - 1. Holy Sexuality
- C. Regarding Change
 - 1. Change is not the absence of temptations, but change is the ability to be holy even in the midst of temptations

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Christian Response

III. Compassionate

- A. Expect this is present here
- B. Know your position
- C. Assurance of friendship
- D. Zero-tolerance on bullying, stop gay jokes

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Christian Response

IV. Complete

- A. Focus on Truth
 - 1. "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God"
1 Cor 6:11
- B. Be Redemptive
- C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings
 - 1. Thank them
 - 2. Not alone

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Christian Response

IV. Complete

- C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings
 - 3. Identity in Christ
 - 4. Be realistic
 - 5. Don't focus so much on externals
 - 6. Deepen and strengthen bonds within the "spiritual family"

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Christian Response

IV. Complete

- D. LGBT Friends
 - 1. Do Not...
 - a. Compare to addiction, pedophilia, murder, etc.
 - b. Say "lifestyle" or "choice"
 - c. Say "Love the sinner hate the sin"
 - d. Debate (aka "defend the truth"). There's a time for truth when their heart is open.

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Christian Response

IV. Complete

- D. LGBT Friends
 - 2. Do...
 - a. Pray
 - b. Listen
 - c. Be Intentional
 - d. Be Patient and Persistent
 - e. Be Transparent

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