

INTERSEX AND TRANSGENDERISM

INTERSEXUAL – external organs are different than internal organs.

Most do not want to be 'fixed.' Once they are adults, they prefer to live with their original equipment. Their primary issue is being accepted for who they are.

TRANSGENDERISM – internal thinking does not match external organs. This cultural push to change sex became popular in the 60's.

Transgenderism is not a physical issue but a psychological issue. Parents are often led into extreme therapies to help their children find relief from their confusion. Once they have involved the medical/psychological community, they often find themselves too far down the road to return.

Many pre-pubescent children feel like they want to be the opposite sex.

They usually outgrow this once they hit puberty.

'Watchful Waiting' is a gentle therapeutic approach.

'Affirmative Care' is a more aggressive approach. Once it's begun, turning back is difficult.

This is a path to medical transition.

Puberty blockers

Surgery – removing or re-making sexual organs

Psychological reinforcement

Unfortunately, many records are 'lost' for follow-up studies.

Some suicides are reported.

Politically – 15 states make it illegal to question a child or adolescent's feelings. There is a 'conversion ban' that makes leading a 'trans' child away from 'affirmative care' illegal. Believe it is harmful to question children's beliefs.

Zuckerman did a study that revealed 'rapid onset gender dysphoria' came after repetitive on-line interaction. You Tube videos and chat rooms with others interested in the subject led some to suddenly believe they were 'trans.' (Zuckerman's work was attacked by 'trans advocates' although he was supported by 600 fellow physicians.)

Anne Lawrence wrote a book, "Men Trapped in Men's Bodies" -- There are men who feel trapped in men's bodies. They are 'autogynephilic' – which means they are obsessed with themselves as women. Political correctness has turned this disorder into transsexualism. Cross-dressing is one of the abnormalities of this thought. Often leads to sex change. She is an 'autogynephilic.'

This is one more distortion of the 'image of God' in man.

Or do you not know that the unrighteous^[b] will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,^[c] ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. 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

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. I Cor 6:9-1

“Jesus valued the lost over the social needs of the “found.” The truth that Jesus was attractive to socially marginalized unbelievers is often overlooked. People are looking for hope. They found it in the person of Jesus but are not finding it in the people of the church. In Luke, we read “All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to Him” ([Luke 15:1](#)). Notice they were drawn to Him. They could not have possibly believed Jesus hated them. Yet there was something about Him that was attractive. The attractiveness of Jesus should be evident in the life of the church in how we live and in what we teach. In regards to human sexuality, our teaching should be more attractive and inspiring than anything the world has seen, heard, or put on a DVD. Jesus offered hope from sexual and spiritual bondage. He came to free people from the power and presence of sin.” Ed Stetzer – The Exchange.