## AN ORIENTATION TOWARD GOD

Proverbs 3:31-32 ... "Do not envy the oppressor [satan]; and choose none of his ways; for the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord..."

Today we find the word orientation often used in the context of sex and gender where it indicates your personal preference of how you would like to be identified despite how you were born. So, if you were born as a male, our contemporary society tells you that you can later decide you want to be female despite how God made you.

Your choice of sexual orientation changes nothing but your mind. In reality – even if you wear different clothes, have radical surgery and consume large doses of hormones – you are still as you were born and as God designed you. If you are short, does it change anything if you mentally decide you are tall? No. If you have brown skin, does it change anything if you use bleaching agents to make your skin white? No. The only thing affecting your desire to be something other than what God designed, is your attitude.

However, there is an orientation you can adopt that will change things – dramatically. We were each born in sin and are eternally lost unless we become born-again followers of Jesus. When we decide in our minds to change our orientation from sinner to saved, we are adopted into God's family and promised an eternity with him. Your relationship with God begins as an act of your mind when you change your orientation toward God. After you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, he enters your soul and begins to influence your thoughts, your decisions and your destiny. God is capable of producing real change that pleases and honors him, and brings satisfaction and joy to your life; changes far beyond those possible with clothes, surgery, hormones, and skin whiteners.

Changing your mind about your sexual orientation produces nothing but confusion and, often, serious medical complications. Plus, it is a serious disrespect of God and his creation when you declare that he made a mistake when he created you. God does NOT make mistakes. If you were born as a girl and then decide you want to live as a boy, it is only a mental factor; you will still die as a woman. But, changing your spiritual orientation produces a genuine relationship with your creator that changes every aspect of your life AND blesses you with an eternity in God's presence. Choose your orientation carefully.

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