

Modern Majority Morality Verses Divine Morality  
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MORAL: of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior

A recent news article read “*After same-sex couple victory in Collegedale, church ousts gay detective's family*” (August 21, 2013). The church was the Ridgedale church of Christ, and they had asked a member of their congregation to choose between vocally supporting their daughter’s homosexual campaign or the church. What was far more telling was the feedback that supposedly “tolerant” people left this church; what follows are a mere sampling of the opinions of most people who commented:

*Keep up the great work being a Scumbag Church*

*Shameful to discard a family for supporting their daughter*

*Christ would never have done what you did. Shame on you; you're nothing more than bigots wrapped in Christ's name.*

*Hoping the church burns in hell*

*What a bunch of bigots and hypocrites*

*What a group of horrible people your "church" is..... this church should be shut down*

This debate is one of morality. Some people believe that it is moral to obey the Bible, while others do not. What is morality, and how do we determine it?

The first time morality is discussed in the Bible is Genesis 2:9 “And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Here God made a moral choice for man: to eat, or not to eat. One decision was right, one was wrong. Of course, we know that in Genesis 3:1-5 Satan changed morality by convincing Eve that what is wrong is right, and God is not good, but evil.

As you see, our society believes that acting on the Biblical authority to discipline members is evil. Some things do not change. Satan wanted the power of morality, to make good evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20-21). Satan can get people to make morally absurd decisions by choosing their own morality. The world chooses morality with the following:

Their emotions (Proverbs 14:12, Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 28:26)

Their conscience (1 Timothy 4:2, Acts 22:3-4)

Their reasoning (Jeremiah 10:23, John 16:2)

Their spiritual leaders (Jeremiah 23:16, 2 Kings 17:21)

Essentially, the world approaches morality with three major flaws.

All religions are the same (Equivalency)

Right for you may not be right for me (Relativism)

Time changes what is right or wrong (Situation Ethics)

Does this work? History tells us it does not. In the 1930s the Nazi party rose on a wave of the morality of the majority. Their actions were deplorable, but if morality is subjective, as the above points suggest, we have no right to critique them, let alone stop them. Can you imagine a world where this type of morality runs free? The issue of morality is the evidence of a God!

Fortunately, there is a Divine Morality which is Universal; what is right for you is right for me. Paul taught this on Mars Hill ((God) now commands all men everywhere to repent” Acts 17:30). What is right then is right now, since “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

The charge of the church is to command and teach these things (1 Timothy 4:11). Therefore, this lesson will be the first in a series of discussions on the morality of man verses the morality of God. We will discuss:

- View of Human Life

- View of Human Marriage and Sexuality

- View of Human Relationships