

# It Is Written

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## Introducing Homosexuality...To Your Children

*By Wilson Adams*

Eric Lyons has an eye-opening piece in Apologetics Press that should cause godly parents to shudder. He writes:  
*"The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit has affirmed that public school teachers in Massachusetts have the constitutional right, not only to instruct their students regarding the alleged normalcy of homosexuality, but to do so without notifying parents...On January 31, 2008, circuit judges Lynch, Stahl, and Howard ruled in favor of the Lexington, Mass. public school system and upheld an earlier ruling of U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf, who believes 'it is reasonable for public schools to attempt to teach understanding and respect for gays and lesbians and to do so without teachers needing to consult parents.'"*

Lyons simplifies what this means: -- *"So, if first grade teachers in Massachusetts want to read books about Daddy's Roommate or Jack and Jim to their six or seven-year-olds, they not only have every right to do so, but are even encouraged by the state to promote such materials. According to both the judicial system and the Lexington school system, if teachers want to read a book about a prince who rejects all of the princesses who wish to marry him, and instead, chooses to marry another prince (shown kissing on the last page of King and King), teachers are free to expose youth to such material. Parents can quibble and Christians can object, but such is the way of life in Massachusetts's public schools."*

What is amazing (absolutely incredulous) about all of this is that the plaintiff's in the case were not even challenging the curriculum (materials promoting homosexuality) but the school system's refusal to provide parental notification. Parents merely wanted to know when such materials were taught and be allowed to exempt their child from such instruction. The courts, however, ruled that reading about men kissing and marrying men is not "indoctrination" and therefore parental notice would be unnecessary.

It brings "home" once again the need for parents to take responsibility in teaching their children what God says about the subject of homosexuality. Public schools, the media, and culture will not help you. Young people are increasingly being force fed (yes, "indoctrinated") at very early ages that homosexuality is something to be celebrated. As people given to living in the world without the world living in us, it is essential that we be alert to the ever-present dangers of culture. The souls of our children are at stake. That's why we must communicate two essential truths to them: That while God's love is for everyone, certain choices are sinful (Rom. 1:26,27). That sinners can change and be saved by God's matchless grace (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Parents, be vigilant! What happened in Massachusetts may be coming to a school system near you -- and much sooner than you think.

## Two Ways To Keep Members Faithful

*By Bill Hall*

There are two ways to keep members of the church "faithful." The first way is to be sure everyone is involved. Have a project for each member, and make sure that he feels important in his role. Praise him for the good job he is doing. Make him feel needed; make him feel that the wellbeing of the whole congregation rests firmly on his shoulders. That will keep him "faithful."

There are two problems with this method. In the first place, it encourages the creation of projects that are not remotely related to the work of the local church. One member plays on the church ball team; another member leads the Boy Scout troop; another is an active member of the "Dorcas Society"; another plans the program for the men's luncheon. Everybody is busy all right, but in activities that are not authorized in the New Testament.

In the second place, members are often given roles for which they are not qualified. A lady is chosen to teach a class not because she is qualified, but because she needs to be involved. A man is appointed a deacon to help him to be "faithful." Another man is appointed to serve the Lord's Supper for a month in order to encourage him to be present each Sunday that month. This method thus places "the cart before the horse," for no one should ever be assigned any work in the Lord's service who is not already faithful and qualified for the work to be done (2 Timothy 2:2).

The second way to keep people faithful is to develop within them a genuine love for the Lord. When people love the Lord, they will be faithful, and it won't take some kind of "special" project to keep them faithful. They will also be involved: in worship, in study, in godly living, in sharing the gospel with a friend, in helping the needy. I have known literally hundreds of Christians who have never in their lives been appointed to any special work, but whose love for the Lord alone keeps them faithful. There is no superficial faithfulness on the part of these; theirs is a faithfulness that is real.

Special responsibilities are fine for those who are qualified, but the man who requires some special duty to be faithful has never learned what true faithfulness is.

## **THE LORD HATH NEED**

*By Bob Craig*

We would have you consider a scripture portion of Matthew 21:3: The portion is "The Lord hath need of it." The Lord has no need in His overall supremacy of the universe but, in his plans for mankind, there are certain things needed. At the time of the verse we read, he had need of a place in which to eat the passover feast. It was supplied. But in his plans for the salvation of mankind he also has some needs.

He needed volunteer laborers. He said, "... The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2). He chose the apostles (just men) for the primary task. But he needs people such as we read of in Acts 8:4: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." That is, literally, "every where they went they preached the word." They were busy making known the good news of the gospel everywhere they went.

The Lord needs good moral people to show people the reality of serving in the kingdom. These good people would be "the light of the world" which is surrounded with the nefarious works of the prince of darkness, Satan, and light dispels darkness. There is much darkness round about: there is the darkness of ignorance. Most people have no idea what the New Testament teaches; There is also the darkness of evil. Jesus said, "Men love darkness because their deeds are evil." There is the darkness of depression, despair and pessimism. The Lord has need of people who hate darkness and are determined to do all that they can to turn on the light of divine truth.