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The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

Several years ago musical groups such as the Beatles presented to society a hair style that was new to our generation. Soon long-haired young men began to appear on our streets. The hippie movement adopted this hair style, as did the Jesus freaks and other religious cults. Soon many men and boys who are not hippies, Jesus freaks, religious cultists, or revolutionaries adopted these hair styles.

When protests began to come from parts of the Christian world, the advocates of these newer hair styles replied that they saw nothing wrong with men wearing long hair since Jesus Himself had long hair. They referred to paintings of Christ which picture Him with long flowing hair. This sent the older generation and some Christian leaders hurrying to the Bible and history books to find if, for a fact, Jesus did have long hair. This booklet is dedicated to the task of revealing such a study.

I. GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR APPAREL, HAIR STYLES, ETC.

That He is concerned about our apparel is found in Proverbs 7:10,

*And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot,
and subtle of heart.*

Notice the words, "attire of an harlot." There is a wicked philosophy being spread abroad by some Christians that God is not interested in our attire. This philosophy tells us that God looks on the heart and we are not to judge by the outward appearance. The embracers of this philosophy use it to justify inappropriate dress, long hair, mini-skirts, etc. They obviously ignore such passages as Matthew 5:16 where our Lord admonishes us,

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

They seem to believe that God is not concerned about what the Christian wears. This is not true. Proverbs 7:10 shows us that there is such a thing as the "attire of an harlot." Now what that attire is, is not the issue at this point. The issue is that God is interested in what the Christian wears. Consequently, the Bible does teach us concerning the outside as well as the inside.

In I Timothy 2:9 the Apostle Paul admonishes Timothy to exhort women to wear "modest apparel."

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

In Deuteronomy 22:5 we find God exhorting the Jewish men and ladies concerning their clothing.

In I Peter 3:3 God shows an interest in the outward as He discusses women's hair styles, jewelry, and clothing.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.

In I Corinthians 11:14 God discusses the hair style of men, and in verse 15 He speaks about the length of the ladies' hair.

Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

Hence, the most casual observer of Scripture finds that God does manifest an interest in the outward. He is interested in the way His people wear their hair, clothing, jewelry, etc. The argument that God is interested only in the inside makes a very spiritual-sounding cliché, but it is simply not based on the Word of God.

Hair was very important to our Lord. He reminds us in Matthew 10:30 and in Luke 12:7 that the "very hairs of your head are all numbered," signifying the importance to Him of every aspect of our life and appearance.

II. THE REVOLUTIONARIES ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THE OUTSIDE.

The radical Jerry Rubin says in his book, DO IT,

Young kids identify short hair with authority, discipline, unhappiness, boredom, rigidity, hatred of right, and long hair with letting go . . . Wherever we go, our hair tells people where we stand on Viet Nam, Wallace, campus disruption, dope. We are living TV commercials for the revolution . . . Long hair is the beginning of our liberation from sexual oppression that underlies the whole military society.

It is no secret that outward things such as art, sculpture, dress, hair styles, etc. are changed prior to a Communist revolution. A cultural revolution precedes a political revolution. For example, Lenin set out to destroy the classics in the early days of his revolution. He said,

If we are going to spread our doctrine, we're going to have to rework the culture.

Plato said in his "Republic,"

The introduction of a new kind of music should be shunned as imperiling the whole state.

Henry David Thoreau made this statement in his writing to Walden:

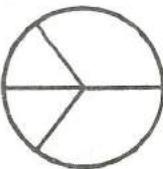
Music may be intoxicating. It has helped cause the destruction of the Greek and Roman Empires and it will sooner or later destroy America and England.

Revolution requires a break from the old. Hence, revolutionaries are using modern art, modern music, and a change in dress styles and hair styles as a part of this break from the establishment. This opens the mind of the youth to a break with the old political ideologies and prepares him for revolution. This is why the Christian should not fall prey to the enemy by adopting the outward changes that are used to bring about a new social order.

In no case is this cultural change so obvious as in our literature. For example, in the famous book, *CATCHER IN THE RYE*, which is on the required outside-reading lists in many of our high schools, words are used which are quite distasteful, vulgar and unscholarly to the refined Christian.

It is beyond comprehension that the parents of America would allow such vulgar, blasphemous words to be read by our youth.

Since the outward is so important to the revolutionary, it is not surprising that he resorts to the use of symbols as a part of his tactics. For example, one of the methods that the revolutionary is using in his battle for the minds of men and in his effort to capture the youth is the now-familiar peace symbol. This symbol is found embroidered on jackets and other garments which Americans wear. It is manufactured as a metal trinket which is worn on a chain. TIME magazine carried on its cover on June 7, 1968, a picture of a young man with a long beard representing the 1968 graduate. He wore the peace symbol. Men's stores and ladies' ready-to-wear stores sell it openly on garments and advertise it to the American public. Many misguided Americans wear it not realizing what it represents.



In our generation it was designed February 21, 1958, for use in an Easter peace walk in England. In the beginning it was supposedly merely a composite of the semaphore letters "N" and "D" standing for nuclear disarmament. When the symbol is inverted it is a composite of the semaphore letters "U" and "D" standing for unilateral disarmament.

Its designer was reportedly Mr. Bertrand Russell, who was reportedly a Marxist from youth. He is quoted as saying,

The world is damnable... There is no hope in anything but the Soviet way.

The hippie movement also makes much use of the symbol of the flower. This flower is sold as decals and stickers and can be found regularly on American cars, mailboxes, book covers, etc. This flower is a symbol of the hippie movement. Hippies speak readily of "flower power," as many of them get their "power" from the flower. It is tragic, but true, that oftentimes this flower power is marijuana and heroin. Many Americans do not realize what they are doing when they display this emblem on their car, clothing, etc.

Alongside the aforementioned signs is the definite sign of long hair worn by boys and men. Such a sign should not be worn by patriotic and loyal Americans who love our heritage, who embrace Christian principles, and who oppose the Communist revolution. Since long-haired youths use as an argument the fact that Jesus supposedly had long hair, it is only fair to examine the Scriptures to find if this be true.

III. THE BIBLE PLAINLY TEACHES THAT IT IS A "SHAME" FOR A MAN TO WEAR LONG HAIR.

I Corinthians 11:14 says,

Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

The Greek word for "shame" in this verse is translated elsewhere in the New Testament as "dishonor," "vile," "disgrace."

In Romans 1:26 the same word is translated "vile."

It is believed that the peace symbol goes back 2,000 years, and tradition says that the first one was designed by Nero in 67 A.D. for the crucifixion of the Apostle Peter. The peace symbol was reportedly found stamped on the closed doors of Russian churches and branded on dead bodies of Jewish martyrs. It is the symbol of the broken cross. It is the emblem of anti-Christ.

Richard Wurmbrand, formerly of Romania, is quoted as saying,

The symbol of the Community PEACE is a very well-known symbol. It was called the witch's foot in the Middle Ages and it was a common symbol of the devil, with the cross reversed and broken.

You will notice that these "vile affections" have to do with homosexuality. It is very interesting that as the trend toward long hair increases, the acceptance of homosexuality increases. This is not to say that long hair and homosexuality always go together, but it is to note the fact that both are on the rise in our generation. Several of the major denominations have now accepted homosexuals. In some cities there are churches for homosexuals pastored by avowed homosexuals. At

least one major denomination has ordained a homosexual preacher and others are considering following suit.

IV. THE BIBLE SAYS NOTHING ABOUT JESUS HAVING LONG HAIR.

The paintings of Christ are simply artists' conceptions and have no Scriptural authorization. At least one historian of His day described Him as being a tall man with chestnut-colored hair, parted in the middle, with short hair which turned up at the end. In the book, THE MODERN STUDENT'S LIFE OF CHRIST by Irving Vollmer, published by Fleming H. Revell, the author says,

Archeologists object to the conventional pictures of Christ because they are not true to history.

A German painter, L. Fahrenkrog, says,

Christ certainly never wore a beard, and His hair was beyond a doubt closely cut.

For this we have historical proof. The oldest representations going back to the first Christian centuries and found chiefly in the catacombs of Rome all pictured Him without a beard. All the pictures of Christ down to the beginning of the first century and even later are of this kind. Students of the first century and Roman history are aware of the fact that the time of Christ was characterized by short hair for men. This author has seen many coins and statues which bear the likenesses of emperors who reigned during and after the time of Christ. Such likenesses reveal that the Caesars and other rulers and emperors had short hair, and of course, the subjects followed the example set by the emperor. The plain simple truth is that during the life of Christ, short hair was the acceptable style. That Jesus wore the conventional style of His day is proved by the fact that Judas had to kiss Him to point Him out to the soldiers. Had Jesus been somewhat different, as a long-haired freak, Judas could have simply told the soldiers that Jesus was the One with the long hair. This, of course, is not true, as Judas had to place a kiss on Him in order to identify Him.

V. JESUS WAS NOT A NAZARITE.

Since it is generally believed that a Nazarite has to let his hair grow long, and since Jesus was from Nazareth, there are many who mistakenly identify Him as a Nazarite. There is no such Scriptural evidence. Jesus was a "Nazarene" because He was from Nazareth, but He was not a "Nazarite," and He did not take the Nazarite vow. A Nazarite could not eat grapes or drink grape juice or eat anything made of the vine. Numbers 6:2-4 says,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the Lord: He shall separate

himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

Hence, our Lord could not have been a Nazarite. Observe the last Passover in Luke 22:14-18,

And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

The Passover was characterized by the fruit of the vine, and as a Nazarite our Lord would not have been allowed to partake of the Passover.

He also partook of the fruit of the vine when He instituted the Lord's Supper. Luke 22:19, 20 says,

And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you. Likewise a Nazarite could not touch a dead body. Numbers 6:6, All the days that he separateth himself unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body.

When our Lord raised the daughter of Jairus in Mark 5:41, the Bible says,

And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

Then He also touched the bier which contained a dead man's body in Luke 7:12-15.

Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.

Since the Nazarite could not touch the fruit of the vine or touch a dead body, and since our Lord did both, we must arrive at the definite conclusion that He was not a Nazarite.

VI. IF JESUS HAD BEEN A NAZARITE, HE STILL WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE HAD LONG HAIR.

The Nazarite vow was taken for only a short period of time. The Bible says it was just for "days." In Numbers 6:5-6, and 13 we read,

All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. All the days that he separateth himself unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body. And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

After these "days" were over the Nazarite was to shave his head. Numbers 6:18 says,

And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

So it is obvious that the Nazarite was as likely to be bald-headed as he was to have long hair. Of course, this argument is needless as our Lord was not a Nazarite.

VII. ABSALOM WAS BOTH REBELLIOUS AND LONG-HAIRED.

The only long-haired person other than a Nazarite mentioned in the Bible was Absalom, a son of David. It was he who rebelled against his father. It was he who started a revolution. It is worth noting that even in Bible days rebellion, revolution, disobedience to parents, and long hair were associated.

Now what should the Christian's attitude be concerning male hair styles? First, we men should follow the admonition of the Scripture and have short hair. It should be short enough so as to be obviously contradictory to the revolutionary symbol. Many Christians allow their hair to become longer in an effort not to be identified as fundamental believers. Why shouldn't a Christian be just as proud of his identity with the Word of God as the hippie is to identify himself with revolution? Men, let us wear our short hair with pride as a symbol of our belief in the Bible and its Christ.

Parents, start your son with haircuts and short hair when he is a baby. With discipline and, if needs be, punishment, see to it that as he grows up he uses his hair as a symbol of patriotism and Christianity, thereby following the admonition of the Scripture that says in Romans 12:2,

And be not conformed (fashioned) to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

IS THE HOMOSEXUAL SICK OR SINFUL?

In the now famous Kinsey Report, Mr. Kinsey estimates that 4% of our males of 16 years of age are homosexuals, and experts in general agree that this percentage has increased since the time of the Kinsey Report.

In California a sadly misguided preacher has founded a church for homosexuals and has publicly announced that he is homosexual. His advertisement leads us to believe that he is catering to the "gay" crowd. Recently an influential denomination ordained an avowed homosexual to the ministry. He publicly stated to the press that he hoped to have a meaningful love relationship with another man some day.

Churches that may be attended by heterosexual people but are basically founded as a refuge for the homosexuals are being started all across America.

A week hardly goes by without some talk show on television having an admitted homosexual as a guest. This is done, no doubt, in an effort to make the "gay community" more accepted and to make the homosexual and his practices less startling to the American public.

Our news services frequently carry a story about two males who have married, and in practically every major city in America there are men who live with each other. They live together as homosexuals, set up housekeeping, and are now fighting for respectability and acceptance in society.

The "gay community" has its own bars operated by homosexuals basically for homosexuals. It has its own beaches operated by homosexuals basically for homosexuals. It has its own tailors, gyms, and apartment houses.

Male sex magazines exposing the male body are purchased by men all over America. They buy these sordid books by the millions.

Many of our big cities provide recreation rooms where men can put a coin in a slot and see movies of homosexual acts, causing their passions to be stirred in order that they may go and commit the same act in reality.

The homosexuals have their own conventions, clubs, and recreation halls. They have their own "call boys." There are places where male prostitutes may be employed, and in practically every city in America the homosexual knows where to find his own kind.

Some of our leading liberal denominations have openly recommended the acceptance of homosexuals as normal citizens. The Wolfender Report says, "Homosexuality between adults in private could no longer be a criminal offense. It is not the law's business." Mervin Dickenson of the United Church of Canada said, "The church should solemnize marriages between men." Some religious conventions in session have approved a laxity toward the homosexual and an acceptance of homosexuality.

In New York City the Homosexuality League polled 400 homosexuals and asked them, "Would you want to be cured if you could?" Ninety-six percent of those polled answered, "No." They wanted

to remain as homosexuals! Dr. Ervin Beaver has made the statement that 27% could be cured, but according to the poll taken by the Homosexuality League in New York City only 4% have such a desire.

Homosexuality is not limited to the crude and the beastly. It does not always associate itself with the back alley. Some of the so-called greatest men in history were known homosexuals. It is found in the ministry, the medical profession, and in the legal field. It creeps into all forms and all places of our society. Some of the greatest artists in history were known homosexuals. Such practices have been uncovered in king's palaces, artist's galleries, in ministerial groups, and among those using the chisel of the sculptor.

I have talked to hundreds of homosexuals. Recently one came to my office after a Sunday morning service and admitted his condition. He said, "Pastor, I have a boyfriend. We hold hands. We kiss. We drive out in the car and park. We pet and neck. We plan to get married and set up housekeeping."

The thing that is difficult to do is to convince the average citizen, and especially the average Christian, that this practice is so prevalent. The "gay community" is everywhere. There are thousands of parents in America who have homosexual children and are unaware of it. Because the "gay community" has stayed to itself the general public has been practically unaware of its existence. Consequently, it has been lulled into an apathy which is rapidly becoming acceptance.

In Genesis 19 is the story concerning the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Two angels came to Sodom to tell Lot and his family about the coming destruction of the city. The city of Sodom (from which we get the word "sodomy") was so given to homosexual practices that when the men of the city heard that the two angels were in Lot's house, they came to his house and beat on the doors begging for Lot to release them to the devices of the homosexuals. Lot, who himself was wicked and backslidden, came out to the men and offered them his virgin daughters. These wicked men would not accept his daughters; they wanted the angels! They wanted the heavenly messengers! These angels had to strike the men of Sodom blind lest they be sexually assaulted.

The question is raised as to whether the homosexual is a sinner or a patient; whether he is sick or sinful, whether he should be pitied or scolded, whether he should go to a doctor for treatment or a preacher for conversion, whether he needs the medical journal or the Bible, whether he needs counselling or repentance, whether he needs a clinic or a church. The Scripture is plain in answering the question, "Is the homosexual sick or sinful?"

know God but deny Him by their works. It comes from two words—one which means "no" and the other which means "lawful." Hence, the word means "unlawful." It is also translated "abhor," "hate." One word that is used for abomination denotes "to shudder." Another means "to stink." Still another means "to detest." Homosexuality then is detestable to God! It stinks to God! God hates it! In other words, it is sin!

II. HOMOSEXUALITY WAS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.

In Leviticus 20:13 the Bible says, "*If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*" It is very plain then that God is displeased with homosexuality. He not only tells us that it is sin, but that under the Jewish law it was punishable by death. It is not surprising then to find that the same generation that suggests an acceptance of homosexuality has also rejected God's teaching concerning capital punishment. We have not only accepted what God hates, but we have come to hate what God accepts.

Now whatever the reader might think in his own mind and with his own reasoning about homosexuality, at least he would have to admit that the Bible is opposed to such practices, and that according to the Bible it is sin, not sickness. In Romans 1:25-27 we read, "*who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*" Hence, the Bible says that the homosexual changes God's truth into a lie, worships and serves the creature more than the Creator, possesses vile affections, burns in his own lusts, commits error, and is worthy of judgment and death. The word "vile" used here is translated as "dishonorable," "filthy," "dirty." It is used of old, shabby clothing. It is used of moral defilement. It is translated "evil," "humiliation," "bad," etc.

Now the reader through his own reasoning may accept

homosexuality as a sickness, but he will have to admit that the Bible is

opposed to such practices and that the God of the Bible sees it as sin,

not sickness. It is not caused by a germ; it is caused by Satan.

HOW HOMOSEXUALITY CAN BE CURED

Experts say that all babies at birth are potential homosexuals. No baby at birth is any more near homosexuality than another. They go on to say that the prevention of homosexuality is entirely up to the parent. The question then comes: What can the wise parent do to insure

Leviticus 18:22 says, "*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.*" The word "abominable" in the Bible could be translated "unlawful." It is used of deceivers who profess to

I. HOMOSEXUALITY IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD.

his child against such practices? The following suggestions come from over a quarter of a century in the pastorate and after having counselled with scores of young people captured by this sin.

1. THE MOTHER SHOULD NOT OVERPROTECT HER SON.

Every boy should be treated as a boy and as a potential man. Mothers should refrain from calling their boy's "sweetheart," "darling," "sweet face," "honey child," "baby," etc. If the boy's name is Tom, call him Tom! If it is Bill, call him Bill! Overprotection by a mother is very serious. Psychologists say that in such cases the mother often has a secret love for her son that she should really have for her husband. This love has been transferred to the boy and he becomes the object of the mother's affection and tender care which she should be giving to her husband. This does not mean that the mother has an unholy attraction toward the son. It means that she has an unwise love for the son. In almost every case of homosexuals with whom I have talked, there has been an overly-possessive mother. When the boy gets older he can do little for himself; his mother would rather do it for him. He can speak little for himself; his mother would rather say it for him. He hardly goes anywhere alone.

In many cases the mother has let the boy's hair grow long, has dressed him with female attire, etc. From the first, a boy should be dressed like a boy, treated like a boy, given attention like a boy, and be allowed to develop some independence and freedom of choice and movement so as not to be overly protected by a sincere but misguided mother. (Read the author's book, *HOW TO REAR CHILDREN*, published by Hyles-Anderson Publishers, 523 Sibley Street, Hammond, Indiana; especially the chapter, "Teaching Independence and Self-Reliance.")

2. THE FATHER SHOULD SPEND TIME WITH HIS SON. This time should be spent in the very early years. It is better that a father spend time with his son when the boy is two than when he is twenty. Of course, this is not as interesting to the father. The father would rather go fishing with a teenager than with a two-year-old. It is, however, vital to the son, for homosexual tendencies in a child develop long before he becomes a teenager. He needs to be around real men in those early years. It is far more important for a child two years old to have a he-man dad around him than it is for a child who is fourteen years old. (This is not to minimize the latter.) When he is little and his subconscious is forming, while impressions are being made and the child is beginning to pick up mannerisms, he needs to be around men. The way a boy walks is determined long before he enters his teenage years. His coordination, the handling of his body, his care of himself, how he sits, the way he moves his arms, etc. are determined very early in life. If he is around his mother too much and his father too little, it could prove serious.

I am thinking now of a man in our church who is one of the most masculine men I know, but when his only son was very small the boy began to develop feminine tendencies. I saw these tendencies developing. The father, who was masculine, was busy. Though he was every bit a man, he did not spend enough time with his boy. The boy

began to walk like a girl and talk like a girl, and frankly, I am frightened when I think of his future.

3. PREVENT THE CHILD FROM BEING A "LONER."

Most of the homosexuals with whom I have talked are basically people who like to be alone. They are often very retiring people. They do not enjoy being with a heterosexual society. Many homosexuals like to spend hours alone with a stereo, or enjoying some other recreation that does not require the presence of anyone else.

Realizing that solitude is favored by many homosexuals, the wise parent will teach his child not to become a loner, but to mix and mingle in society. This is especially important concerning members of the same sex. Boys should be around boys. They should play rugged sports and have masculine hobbies. They should not be allowed to play with dolls or to play games associated with little girls.

Along the same line, when a baby is brought to church he should be placed in the nursery. The mother is off on the wrong foot when she brings her little boy to church, keeps him in her arms, and refuses to put him in the nursery with other babies. If he cries, let him cry, but he should get used to being with other people. He should become accustomed to being away from Mother and Father.

The wise parent will allow his child to be with other children. Of course, care should be taken concerning the crowd with whom the child runs.

There is a certain man whom I admire tremendously. His boy is not the most masculine boy in the world. Hence, the father insisted that the boy go out for a sport. The boy did not perform well and quit. His dad said, "You are going to go back and go out for the sport." "But I'll be hurt," complained the boy.

"Good!" replied the dad. "You are going to become a man. You are going out for the sport because I am going to make you go out for it." The boy went back. He got his nose bloodied a few times, was embarrassed a bit, and again decided to quit. The dad said, "No quitter lives in my house." The boy went out for the sport again and soon became proficient enough to avoid embarrassment and rugged enough to avoid becoming effeminate. The dad realized that he did not start early enough, but when he did start, he put his foot down and decided that he was going to have a man.

It is best that a child's hobbies require groups. The problem with homosexuality is not caused by the corruption in the school, by the Supreme Court, by the left-wing communists, or by Hollywood; it is caused by the parent. It is better for the boy to play basketball than to play a stereo. He should spend more time playing football than playing the piano. He should spend more time playing volleyball than playing pool by himself in the basement. It is better that he play baseball more than he plays the flute. A lady came to me recently and voiced concern about her son. I readily told her that I too was concerned and told her several things. I said to her, "In the first place, your son is retiring." She said, "Yes, he is."

I said, "Then don't buy him anything that he can do alone." She said, "I just got him a pool table."

Now, I am not speaking against pool tables. (I do not play pool; for that matter, neither does my son.) I did advise her to get him games that he could not play alone. For example, Ping-Pong is better than pool, as it is impossible to play it alone. Tennis is better than stereo. It is sad nowadays that our boys are growing up without ever playing ball in a vacant lot or enjoying other privileges that other generations have had that help to avoid feminine tendencies.

4. THE BOY SHOULD ASSOCIATE WITH MASCULINE MEN.
This is one reason why all parents should have their boy under a preacher who is masculine. No family should sit at the feet of an effeminate, sissy man who stands behind the pulpit wearing a skirt and sets an effeminate example for the boys who look to him for leadership.

Recently I had an opportunity to help a young man whose life had crossed my path. My first impression of him was that he was a little bit sissy, so I made an appointment with him to discuss his problem. I looked him right in the eyeball and said, "Young fellow, I am going to tell you something that will help you if you will let it. I am the best friend you have right now. Either you are the baby of your family or the only son. Your mother and dad favored you and are prouder of you than any other child. You have spent most of your life practicing something alone, and you are good at it, and it has consumed your life. I guess that when you were in school and they chose sides to play ball you were the last one chosen and you played right field all the time. You made good grades in school and all the vigorous fellows hated your insides."

The young man looked at me and said, "Sir, you are a prophet. The truth is that you have just told me the story of my life. Thank you for being honest with me. I will do my best to cure my problem."

If this young man's parents had been wise, they would have taught him years ago to walk like man, sit like a man, carry his body like a man, and have coordination like a man. In order for this to be true, he would of necessity have been around men, he-men, masculine-men.

5. THE BOY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PERSPIRE. Yes, I mean he should sweat! When he is a little tyke he should know what hard work is. Sweating is good for a boy and will help him avoid homosexual tendencies.

I am thinking now of a homosexual who came to me and asked for help. After questioning him and finding that he spent hours a day alone with a stereo I suggested that he go down to some athletic club and work out. I suggested he get a job digging ditches or doing construction. I suggested that he make sure that every day of his life he sweated and worked manually.

Along this same line discussion should be given to masculine activities. It is vital that a boy be taught proper coordination early in life. He should be taught self-defense. He should become the kind of man that can protect his family and can feel a sense of security at all times.

6. A BOY SHOULD BE SHOWN MANLY AFFECTION. It is not wise for boys to get physically close to other boys. It is not wise for parents to kiss boys excessively. Now there is nothing wrong with a mother kissing a boy good-bye and there is nothing wrong with a father placing an occasional masculine kiss on the brow of a boy, but restraint should be exercised along these lines. There are ways that love can be expressed from a father to a son or from a mother to a son that are just as tender and sweet that will help him become a man as he grows older.

Our country is in need of men! We are facing a problem that is going to become increasingly serious unless a cure is effective. May these pages alert the wise parent of a serious trend and instruct him in ways that will prevent his boy (or for that matter, a girl) from entering into a life that is accepted by society as being sick, but condemned by God as being sinful.

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