

“Responding To The News”

- The right question: What is written?
- Receiving very difficult news.
- “Somewhere in the last decade, ‘I disagree with you’ came to mean, ‘I hate you.’ Although we are not forced to bow down to a golden image, we are pressured to bow down to the great god of public opinion.”

- Becket Cook



1. An important example to follow. (Jesus)

- Grace and truth. *John 1:14*
 - An immoral Samaritan woman. *John 4:5-26*
 - An adulteress. *John 8:1-11*
 - Tax collectors and sinners. *Luke 5:27-32; 15:1; 19:1-9*

2. Important guidelines to follow.

- Remember they are not the enemy. *Ephesians 6:12*
- Avoid extremes.
- Pause. *James 1:19-20 Proverbs 15:28; 18:2, 13, 15*
- Ask questions. (The “Columbo Plan”)
- Leave the stones on the ground and check for logs. *John 8:7-9 Matthew 7:1-5*
- Stand firm on what is written.
- Practice the “right” principles. (What you do or say)
 - Right thing ➡ Right time ➡ Right way ➡ Right reason
- Keep the door open.
- Pray. *Colossians 4:2 Philipians 4:6-7 Ephesians 6:18 Luke 18:1-8*

The real issue isn't so much about sexuality, as it is about the heart. (Mark 7:21-23) Only God can convict and change the heart.