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## Us Against them, Part 3a

### The Sexualization of the Media: The Normalization of Homosexuality

(Note - With the Disney “Beauty and the Beast” movie coming out this Friday, if you are planning to take your child to see this, please read through the following. This movie is not as innocent as you might think!.)

<sup>6</sup> *“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’*

<sup>7</sup> *‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”*

**Mark 10:6-9 (NIV)**

Pastor Bard has a saying he uses with his confirmation classes to define God’s intent for sexual relations, something like “One man, one woman, one lifetime.”

I’ll throw a second illustration in - that we can liken what God’s will for mankind is as a target, with the bullseye being God’s intent and any variation (missing the mark) would be sin. Granted that some sins “miss the mark” more than others, but they are all still sins, any of which brings us short of the glory of God and without His forgiveness condemns us.

St. Paul singles out sexual sin in particular:

<sup>18</sup> *Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. **1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)***

Paul further advances that homosexual acts are “missing the mark;” something that more and more in our society is accepted as normal:

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.*

*<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen.*

*<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. **Romans 1:24-27 (NIV)***

So how does the media shape (misshape?) our perceptions?

Recently I asked our middle schoolers what they thought that the percentage of gays is of the American population. Just about every time I ask this – and this time was no exception – the answers range from 15% to 25%.<sup>\*</sup> Contrast this to the National Center for Health Statistics study:

*According to the results, 96.6 percent of respondents identified as straight, 1.6 percent identified as gay or lesbian and 0.7 percent identified as bisexual.\*\**

For whatever reason, the effort is made by media to normalize gay relations. Even Disney producers are proud to do this:

*The makers of Disney's new Beauty and the Beast movie have included a "gay character and love scene" between Gaston and his male sidekick, LeFou, [according to the BBC](#). The movie hits theaters March 17.*

*"LeFou is somebody who on one day wants to be Gaston and on another day wants to kiss Gaston. He's confused about what he wants," director Bill Condon told Attitude magazine. "It's somebody who's just realizing that he has these feelings. And [LeFou] makes something really subtle and delicious out of it. And that's what has its payoff at the end, which I don't want to give away. **But it is a nice, exclusively gay moment in a Disney movie.**"\*\**

I could go on, but all you need to do is a quick search of "Disney's Homosexual Agenda" and you might start questioning thinking that the Disney Channel is a totally safe medium for your children.

As I said earlier, sin is sin, and any sin brings us short of God's glory. The issue here, to me, is that we have what the Bible clearly calls sin being promoted as normal. We'd quickly respond if adultery, murder, torture, stealing, etc. were promoted as not only normal but even positive behavior. We've come so far down the path that open promotion of homosexuality as good and proper just isn't noticed.

But again, with all these things I've been writing about, it is up to you as the parent to sit with your kids and explain these things. Hold up that the Bible teaches on thing and the world another. Go to afa.net (American Family Association) for info on what to look for and how to deal with the agenda.

If you are the parent of a teen, next week I'll deal with how the media affects teens and gender "choices." With children attitudes may be more the target - with teens behavior can be affected.

Need further ideas with specific needs? I'm only an email away! (dcerandy@blcbcs.org).

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\*Interestingly enough, these are the same percentages that most Americans perceive. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/183383/americans-greatly-overestimate-percent-gay-lesbian.aspx>

\*\* [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/15/health-survey-americans-gay\\_n\\_5587696.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/15/health-survey-americans-gay_n_5587696.html)

\*\*\* <http://www.afa.net/the-stand/culture/2017/03/protect-your-children-from-disneys-gay-agenda/>