Letters to the Editors

Homosexuality Forum Good, But Not Enough

Although I was pleased to finally meet Dr. Enos Martin and attend the "homosexuality" discussion in the EMU Science Center on Monday evening, Feb. 10, I was disappointed in that scholar/psychiatrist had very little to say about how modern psychiatry helps persons change their same-sex orientation.

Bill Taylor’s remarks about his horrific upbringing were enlightening and certainly helpful for us to understand that healing from such an abusive past can occur. It’s my understanding that Day Seven Ministries (of which Bill Taylor is the Executive Director) attempts to help restore people with various sorts of sexual identity issues.

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I know Ruby, and she is a wonderful person. I would strongly encourage you students to take her up on her offer. Who knows, you might even score some homemade cookies. I’m thinking about becoming gay myself, so I can get in on this deal, too (after all, it is just a choice, right?). I’m sure it would take you about two seconds to feel comfortable with Ruby. I think I did it in one.

If you are feeling marginalized by not being straight or gay, please get in touch with Ruby. She is an amazing woman, and I am proud to be her friend. And if you think about it, please bring me back a cookie.

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So live below your means in order to live a life from above.

Fourthly, the simple life enfolds the possessions we do have with richer meaning. The simple life enfolds the possessions we have much we can obtain much and much more than we currently possess. After all, if we didn’t spend so much on a big fancy car (or a functional equivalent) we could spend more time with friends sharing a good bottle of wine or some nice Kenyan coffee, for instance.

I am not calling for abject poverty here. I am just saying that it’s better to live a simple life, one free of overt attachment to worldly possessions and debilitating concentration on outward appearances. Freedom from too much means a liquidity of life. It means we are able to move and bow with the Spirit as it moves where it will.

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Secondly, in being overly concerned with the latest styles or with newer, bigger and better things, we misdirect energies and funds that could be used in more meaningful and productive ways. If we desired less we could devote time and energy to what really matters in life. But if we are too con- cerned with keeping up appear- ance, we will end up with what we work for: a life of mere appearance. We must devote our lives to the ultimate therein.

Thirdly, God calls us to share with others. If God has blessed you with a position in society that would predispose you to making more money than you need, God is providing for those who do not have such means through your position. You are called to live your life "below" the means you could live in order to help those who are need. Your cup is sufficient to overflowing who those cups are merely half full. In the end every- one’s cup is equally provided for.

One speaks Eberhard Arnold: an upper middle class intellectual in Nazi and pre-Nazi Germany who, with his wife Emmy, founded a form of communal Christianity—a powerful voice against materialism and greed in their own time.

These words ring with a note of authenticity and lived reality. And we would do well to pay careful attention to them. Our society is one of widening gaps between rich and poor, and I guess that will continue only widen if we continue as we are. The time has come for people of Christian conviction to live lives that demonstrate protestation against consumerism, materialism, and greed.

Consumerism is a mentality suggesting our own abilities. Because we have much we can obtain much and much more than we currently possess. After all, why not get a new car every year if we can afford it? Why wear the same wardrobe year in and year out when we can purchase more up-to-date styles? Indeed, why not.

First, when we convince our- selves that life consists in acquiring more and more possessions and showy belongings. Dress with- out adornment; make no attempt to be fashionable or elegant. If you become a true Christian you will never have a fashion statement. Be plain and because you are true, be simple. Ultimate truth is ulti- mate simplicity.

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