

## Rethinking Gay Marriage | Part 06 | How To Voir Dire Coaches

Let's address the similarities between our sacred men and the Pharisees who are still arguing about who's interpreting Scriptures correctly 2,000 years after they missed their Messiah. They aren't very coachable. Jesus warned us that if we follow blind leaders, our whole entourage will end up in a ditch.

Our King Jesus' Prime Directives, which I consider my stepping stones to obeying His ONE Command, are:

- 1) Love GOD with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
- 2) Love others by treating them as we would want to be treated

Beware of leaders that encourage their flying monkeys to be 'bold and courageous' and treat others as you wouldn't want to be treated. As our King Jesus' ambassadors that should be displaying our King's character, we must be wary of religious leaders that want us to act like Saul before our King Jesus taught him to be Paul who drew others to Jesus through his kindness.

Immature children are different from mature adults. Using fear on adults is manipulation. Scaring adults into obeying GOD'S laws reminds me of my Mom warning me to, 'Wait until your Father gets home!' While it caused me to obey her, it didn't help me love my Dad more. Using fear to manipulate others is contrary to our King Jesus' Prime Directives. We don't want to be manipulated by fear, so we shouldn't do it to others. We don't get to make GOD into our enforcer who's ready to zap our opposition. When He gives us the power to zap others it's us using His force on others and we are held fully accountable for our own zapping. But don't worry, He already knows how to be perfectly fair in all His judgments while protecting His bride.

Our sacred people ask us to believe that GOD condemns every act of same-sex intimacy without bias while being unable to articulate what GOD'S problem is with two people in a monogamous, committed marriage. This is not how our Good GOD thinks. Our King Jesus has a good reason for everything. While I encourage everyone to obey Him without knowing His reasons, He's always rewarded my obedience by explaining His purpose for asking. With centuries under our belt of 'obedience,' in condemning same-sex marriages, there should be someone who is able to explain GOD'S purpose if we are actually obeying Him. Since we know Jesus' enemies rely on agreements for unity rather than Him, beware of those who refuse to consider that same-sex intimacy is like a gun that can be used indiscriminately for evil or wisely for good.

Jesus' followers are encouraged to test the spirits. When I followed commands that didn't help me love GOD and others better, they were false spirits. Let's use courtroom language. We can **voir dire** our coaches to learn how their Biblical opinions hang on our King Jesus' Prime Directives for all Scriptures. If our expert witnesses can't hang their opinions on King Jesus' Prime Directives to defend them, their opinions are flawed. At best, they're irrelevant noise; at worst, they're doctrines of demons. When we see win-win-win-win wisdom, it's our King Jesus' Brilliance being displayed through His teammates acting as His hands, feet, and voice on Earth.

### **An example of *voir dire* applied to a Biblical lesson:**

This lesson is from the books of Ezra & Malachi. Let's begin as the second wave of Israelites arrived in Jerusalem led by Ezra to find that many of the religious leaders and men from the first wave had married local women who worshipped other gods and produced children with them. This caused Ezra distress.

***Then Ezra the priest stood up. He said to the people, 'You have not been faithful to your GOD. You have married foreign wives. You have caused the whole nation of Israel to be guilty. Now you must agree to obey the Lord, the GOD that your ancestors worshipped. Turn away from your sins and do the things that please Him. Make yourselves separate from the foreign people who live near you. Send away your foreign wives.' [...] All these men had married foreign women. They sent them away, together with their children.***

**- Ezra in Ezra 10:10-11, 44 EASY**

Ezra then managed the divorces and abandonment of those wives and children. We learned later through Malachi that Ezra had compounded the men's sins by divorcing their wives and abandoning their children which **DID NOT PLEASE GOD!**

***"The Lord GOD of Israel says this: 'If a man sends his wife away from him, I hate that! He has been cruel to his wife when he should take care of her. So be very careful! Remember your promise to take care of your wife.' That is what the Lord Almighty says."***

**- GOD in Malachi 2:16 EASY**

You've heard it said that two wrongs don't make a right. GOD told us why He didn't want Israelite men to marry foreign women. GOD didn't want His men to

marry women who followed other gods because she would influence her whole family to do likewise.

Since Ezra and the Israelite men hadn't partnered with GOD to align their plans, priorities, passions, and perspective to His, they complied to His rules like managers following an operating manual. Following rules without understanding makes us unable to fix our problems without causing bigger messes.

With 20/20, hindsight vision, we can apply wisdom from John, Paul, and Peter to this situation:

John teaches us that if we say we love GOD, but hate others; we are liars. Then Paul teaches us about mutual submission between husbands and wives with King Jesus as our Head and Leader. He also taught us that there are no differences between male and female, Jew or Gentile. If we add Peter's teaching for wives to submit to their husbands to win them over to Jesus by observing their chaste conduct accompanied by their fear of the Lord, we can build a plan of action full of winners that Jesus would enjoy:

*A Proposed Strategy: The Israelite Men committing to pleasing GOD who they love by demonstrating Jesus' love for His Bride by trying to win their foreign wives and children to GOD through their chaste conduct and care for them. If done well, here are the proposed winners:*

1. Israelite men winning because their wives respond well to kindness.
2. The foreign wives winning by learning to love & trust their kind husbands and discovering our King Jesus is the reason she's so pleased with her husband.
3. The mutually submissive couple with King Jesus as their Leader acts like a powerful Jesus Magnet for their children and other witnesses who want to be happy like them. When they grab hold of King Jesus, they're winners too!
4. King Jesus forgiving the men for their rebellion because of their demonstrable repentance by setting out to win their foreign wives and children to Him. With coachable followers, Jesus enjoys a personal, trusting relationship with each one and is able to mentor them 1-on-1.

That is a 4-winner strategy. This is why we need a personal relationship with Jesus, so we can follow Him as our Teacher, Leader, and King. He promises us:

***'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or***

***the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.'***

***- GOD to David in Psalms 32:8-9 NIV***

As immature heirs, we follow rules like children until we learn the reasons behind them. As mature, Kingdom adults, we treat others as we would want to be treated as a stepping stone towards fulfilling our King Jesus' one command. This law can be written on our hearts to guide every interaction we have with others without needing to gain approval from our sacred theologians who may not recognize Jesus if He was standing in front of them like the Pharisees didn't.

Please watch the fifth part in this series to discover what's at stake, it's more important than many realize!

Thank you for listening to Part 06 of Rethinking Gay Marriage. I hope you will join me for Part 07! Until then, keep your eyes on Jesus so you can be wiser than Satan and as harmless as Dovee and may our King Jesus' Force be with you!

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