

## DefendTheFamily.com Alert

A woman identifying herself as Charlotte challenged me with the following question:

Can you explain to me exactly HOW homosexual marriage will destroy the family?

Here is my reply:

Dear Charlotte,

Marriage is an institution as old as civilization, recognized by both church and state as the best means for protecting natural families from forces such as promiscuity that would otherwise destroy them. It is a system for steering all sexual activity into a union that both contains it and maximizes its benefits for individuals and society.

Promiscuity is any sex outside of monogamous lifetime marriage. It is extremely destructive in all of its forms.

If all human beings actually followed God's design for sexuality and kept it exclusively within marriage there would be no sexually transmitted diseases, no childhood pregnancies, no cheating by spouses, few divorces, few parentless homes, astronomical declines in behavioral disorders, alcoholism, drug abuse, mental health problems in children and young adults, virtually no husbandless women living in poverty with their children, astronomically fewer "barbaric" single males engaged in socially destructive behavior (rather than caring for their families), and dramatically less need for ever-rising taxes and government expansion to provide for welfare programs, jails, mental hospitals, addiction treatment programs, etc, etc, etc, etc. (This list barely scratches the surface of social harms caused by individual sexual "freedom.")

BUT, human beings don't naturally exercise self-control over their sexual desires, but must be taught why they should and encouraged to conform their conduct to what is best for themselves and society as a whole. That's the message of the Bible, and the conclusion of civilization after long experience.

There are two contradictory forces in society today competing to determine which view of sexuality will prevail. Christians like myself are trying to get society to honor God's design so that we can reap the benefits I've mentioned above. In contrast, since the late 1940s the "gay" movement has been leading the charge to eliminate social/legal/cultural restrictions on sex so homosexuals and everyone else can do almost anything they please. The predictable negative consequences have been unfolding and increasing all around us since they started winning the battle in the 1960s.

That, Charlotte, is how the homosexual movement not "will destroy" but is, and has been for decades, destroying the family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Scott Lively