



Update & Reflections For Prayer 25 July 2003

Currently most of the hate stuff has been directed at Pastor Yang Tuck Yoong of Cornerstone Community Church. While we have not been spared, he has borne the brunt of it. Please pray for his protection and that God will grant him much wisdom.

We will continue to post well-reasoned and other articles for the information and edification of those interested. Clicking the side menu and selecting "COOS Resource Page" can access these. The church is sorely in need of accurate information and understanding on how to handle this complex matter in a manner that speaks the truth in love. In fact, bigger and hidden issues go beyond homosexual practices, and far more sinister! Please read the chilling testimony of Mark Tan "SingaporeIn Spiritual Darkness". Pass it on.

Last but not least, we need to repent of our part in this matter. Yes, our part. Christians are guilty of indifference ("it's not my problem" syndrome), fear and prejudice against people struggling with sexual brokenness. When Choices began in COOS, one member scolded me for being "irresponsible", "bringing homosexuals into the church" and "we will all catch AIDS". He refused to take communion and later left our congregation.

The Roman Catholic Church is being exposed for covering up countless cases of sexual abuse by its priests. Sadly, this problem is not confined to the RC church only. Many mainline denominations are rejecting the clear teaching of Scripture, ordaining practising gays as pastors and conducting same sex marriages. Some denominations put their institutional, albeit superficial, unity above God's Word. They not only condone blatant heresies but also elevate the protagonists to high ecclesiastical office.

Finally, all of us have contributed and added to the problem by our ungodly values. We have put mammon equal to God, neglected our children and even sacrificed them on the altar of selfish pursuits. Abusive and absentee fathers are a primary factor leading to gender confusion, deception, violation and perversion in children and youth.

If we want to reach out to the broken, we must begin by acknowledging our own. It cannot be from a posture of "I'm better than thou" for it's only in our weakness that His power is made perfect (2 Cor.12:9).

God bless
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