Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS - 5/3/23

"Age cannot hurt the soul." – R.C. Sproul

Too soon old, too late smart





Monday, 5/1/23 From ABC:

"With nearly 470 anti-gay and anti-trans bills in 16 states, LGBTQ+ lawmakers find themselves fighting just "to exist."

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So....

"Which of these bills impact an LGBTQ+ lawmaker's ability to exist"? To EXIST?!?

Those 470 bills reduce down to **FOUR SIMPLE ISSUES**, which should be non-controversial:

1. No biological men in women's sports.

2. No "gender-affirming care" for children.

3. No children at stripper-style drag shows.

4. No pseudoscience gender ideology in K-12 education.

Why are these considerations for laws labeled "anti-trans" and not "child safety laws?" Who gets to decide in the journalism world what things are called?

For example, how did the Florida law get labeled "Don't say gay" when you can obviously....say gay?!??

"Anti-gay" is just DISHONEST reporting.

Liars are friars.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

From Florida State Senator Shevrin Jones:

(Source ABC) "State Sen. Shevrin Jones can often be seen at the Florida Capitol greeting staff and colleagues with a smile or laugh, but when he's alone it's a different story.

"The outward expression is to show GOD's LOVE. That's what I was taught," said Jones, a Democrat. But, he said, "I have enough tears in my car to fill a lake."

Ah....God's love?

The "Beloved-Let-Us-Love-One-Another" author also wrote this:

1 John 3:9-10

"Those who have been born into God's family do NOT make a practice of sinning; they do not **promote** or advocate an agenda for their sinning, because God's life is in them. So they CANNOT keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

So now WE **CAN** TELL who are children of God and who are children of **the devil**. Anyone who does not obey God's commands, and does not love his brother or sister in Christ does **NOT** belong to God."

Yes, LOVE is required.....but not ONLY love.

Jesus said He did NOT come to do *away* with the Laws of Mose, but rather, He came to FULFILL them. (see Matthew 5).

Peter was more specific:

1 Peter 4:8 NLT [look up **VOICE**, and **NEW CENTURY VERSION**] "And AGAIN, most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."

And Paul said:

1 Corinthians 13:3, but also verse 6:

"If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't **love** others, I would have gained **nothing**.....(love) does not rejoice about injustice, but rejoices whenever the TRUTH wins out."

TRUTH.

1 Peter 1:16-17 NLT+

"For the Scriptures say, (God says), in Leviticus 11, QUOTE, "You must be holy, because I am holy." UNQUOTE [Leviticus 11:44-45] And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no **favorites**. Through Jesus He WILL judge or **reward** you according to what you DO! So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time as "foreigners in this land."

Galatians 5:17 NLT

"Your [The] sinful nature **WANTS** to do evil, which is just the OPPOSITE of what the [Holy] Spirit wants. And the [Holy] Spirit gives us desires that are the OPPOSITE of what the sinful nature desires! These two forces, these two ADVERSARIES, are CONSTANTLY **fighting** each other, so you'll never be totally free [in this life] from their persistent pressure to influence YOUR good intentions [or your bad intentions], [to affect your good or bad choices].