

# A Christian Response to Homosexuality

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## *unChristian* by David Kinnamon

Perceptions: ages 16 – 29	Outsiders	Church
Anti-homosexual	91%	80%
Judgmental	87%	52%
Hypocritical	85%	47%
Old-fashioned	78%	36%
Too involved with politics	75%	50%
Out of touch with reality	72%	32%
Insensitive to others	70%	29%
Boring	68%	27%
Not accepting of other faiths	64%	39%
Confusing	61%	44%

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## A Christian Response

- I. Convicted
  - A. Homosexuality is not the worst sin
  - B. Our sin is just as odious

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**A Christian Response**

- II. Consistent
  - A. Regarding relationships
    - 1. Singleness is a gift (1 Corinthians 7)
  - B. Regarding sexuality
    - 1. Holy Sexuality
  - C. Regarding Change
    - 1. Change is not the absence of struggles, but change is the freedom to choose holiness in the midst of our struggles

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**A Christian Response**

- III. Compassionate
  - A. Expect this is present here
  - B. Know your position
  - C. Assurance of friendship
  - D. Zero-tolerance on bullying, stop gay jokes

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**A Christian Response**

- IV. Complete
  - A. Focus on Truth
    - 1. "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11)
  - B. Be Redemptive
  - C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings
    - 1. Thank them
    - 2. Not alone

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### A Christian Response

IV. Complete

C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings

3. Identity in Christ
4. Be realistic
5. Don't focus so much on externals
6. Deepen and strengthen bonds within the "spiritual family"

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### A Christian Response

IV. Complete

D. LGBT Friends

1. Do Not...
  - a. Compare to addiction, pedophilia, murder, etc.
  - b. Say "lifestyle" or "choice"
  - c. Say "Love the sinner hate the sin"
  - d. Debate (aka "defend the truth"). There's a time for truth when their heart is open.

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### A Christian Response

IV. Complete

D. LGBT Friends

2. Do...
  - a. Pray
  - b. Listen
  - c. Be Intentional
  - d. Be Patient and Persistent
  - e. Be Transparent

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