

WHY DOES GOD SAY NO ?

Int.

1. Aim: To show why God does say no to us about many things.
2. Text - Gal. 5:19-21 List of things God tells us not to do!!!
3. Freedom - Definition -- It does not mean the right to do anything that I want to do. It means the right to do the things that I ought to do.
4. "Obedience to Law Is Liberty".

Discussion

I. QUESTION

- A. If God loves us He will let us do whatever we want to do, is the assumption of man.
- B. God doesn't always let us do what we want
 1. Adam and Eve had restrictions - Gen. 2:16-17
 2. Of the 10 commandments 8 are negative - Exodus 20
 3. Many things we are not to do today - Gal. 5:19-21 1 Cor. 6:9-10
- C. Therefore many people assume that God does not really love and care for us. Many people have the idea that God is always snooping around to see if anyone is enjoying himself and then trying to stop it!

II. **WHY BRING THAT UP ?**

- A. We need to understand why God says No, so we can see that really God loves us.
- B. God is our creator and He knows what we need
 - 1. Example
 - a. The man who invented the gasoline motor knew what was good and bad for it.
 - b. He says do not run the engine without oil. If you do it will ruin the motor. If you don't believe it, try it!
 - 2. Same is True with God
 - a. He made mankind. He knows what is good and what is bad for us.
 - b. He says "NO" to many things we want because we don't really need them.
 - c. He is our creator and knows some things would harm us.

III. **FOR EXAMPLE** ----- Why God says no to:

A. **DRINKING**

- 1. The Bible strongly condemns drinking
 - a. Pro. 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
 - b. Gal. 5:19-21
 - c. Prov. 31:4,5 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: 5. Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted."

2. Consider the great harm which results
 - a. Families - Broken homes - Deaths on the highway
 - b. Body Destroys the brain [None of These Diseases - by McMillen, p.25ff]
 - (1) Harmful in many ways to the Body
 - (2) Habit forming drug = alcoholic
 - c. Ruins your influence as a good man
 - d. Social drinking is not justified by the Bible.
3. God says no to drinking because it is useless to man and causes him great harm!!

B. LYING

1. The Bible condemns lying
 - a. Col. 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"
 - b. Eph. 4:25 "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."
 - c. Ps. 31:18 "Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous."
 - d. Ps. 120:2 "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue."
 - e. Prov. 6:16-17 "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"
 - f. Pro. 26:28 "A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin."

g. Rev. 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

2. Great harm comes to us through lying
 - a. Promises are broken
 - b. Hearts are broken because of lies
 - c. Lying always causes trouble, never good - hurts children and families !
3. God tells us not to lie because it is not good for us.

C. **GAMBLING**

1. God says no:
 - a. He wants us to work for what we have - Gen. 3:19 "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."
 - b. It is really stealing - Eph. 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."
2. Problems of Gambling ...
 - a. People get mad and fight. Spend all their money on lottery tickets.
 - b. Promotes laziness Promotes covetousness -- trying to get something for nothing. Habit forming - addictive. Destroys Families ! Big Debts
3. God says no to gambling because he knows it is much better for us if we work for what we get!

D. ADULTERY & FORNICATION

1. God says no to adultery
 - a. I Cor. 10:8 "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."
 - b. 1 Cor. 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."
 - c. Heb. 13:4 "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."
2. Why is it bad for mankind?
 - a. Emotionally it is bad for mankind
 - b. Physically it is bad
 - (1) STD [None of These Diseases - McMillen p. 40ff]
 - (2) Pro. 5:1-5 "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: 2. That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. 3. For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: 4. But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. 5. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."
 - (3) Trouble for offspring - Ex. 34:7 "Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."
3. God says no to adultery because it is best for us to marry and to live according to His will!! We must obey God's rules about marriage/divorce and remarriage!

E. IMMODEST APPAREL

1. God says no:
 - a. 1 Tim. 2:9 "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array."
 - b. Mat. 5:28 "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
 - c. Rom. 14:13 "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

2. God Teaches us ...
 - a. The person causing another to sin is guilty of a sin just as the one who sins by lusting.
 - b. Immodesty = to dress in a way that causes or invites sexual interest on the part of the observer.
 - c. Clothing that does not cover our body properly is immodest!

3. Why does God say no?
 - a. Scriptures
 - (1) Gen. 2:25 "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."
 - (2) Gen. 3:7 "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

(3) Gen. 3:21 "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

(4) Lk. 8:26-36 - in his right mind

b. God wants our Body to be properly clothed

(1) Clothed = covered from the shoulders to the knees

(2) God does not want us to cause others to sin

(3) God wants us to do only what will help us live so we can go to heaven.

c. Immodest apparel does not help us but it is rebellion to the will of God and shows that we want to be disobedient!!!

4. God made us and he knows what is best!!!

IV. SO WHAT

A. We may not understand exactly why God says No to many things!

B. But I know the reason God says No is because He loves us and wants what is best for us.

C. Ps. 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

D. Prov. 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

E. What we must do is trust in God and believe that He wants us to have the best life possible on this earth so we may have an eternal life.

CONCLUSION

1. God has the right to give instructions to us about how to live.
2. These are God's rules - not mine.
 - a. Drinking
 - b. Lying
 - c. Gambling
 - d. Adultery & Fornication
 - e. Immodest Apparel
3. They hurt us here and they will cause us to be lost eternally.
4. Sometimes people get mad at the messenger when they do not like the message.
 - a. "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Gal. 4:16
 - b. These things to which God says no are things people like to do.
 - c. But as Children of God we will respect God's word and obey His commands
5. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15
6. God says no because he loves us. We obey Him because we love Him.

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