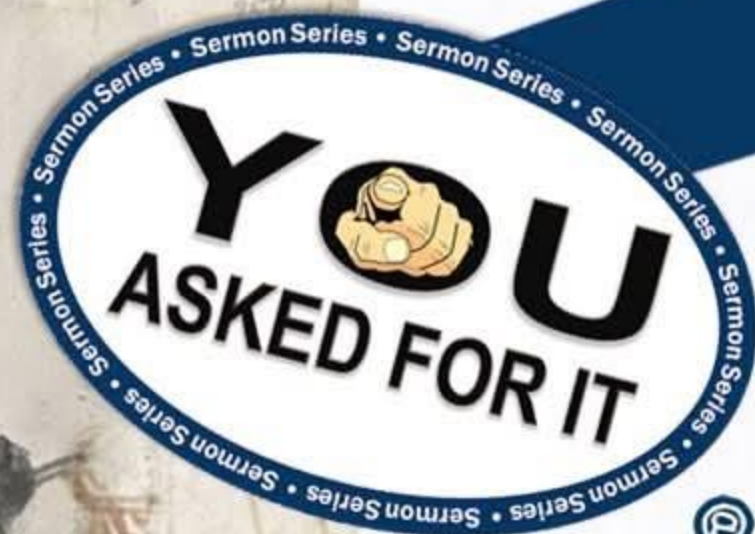


Sunday, September 14, 2025

**PASTOR DAVID RAWLEY
BRINGS THE MESSAGE: "Discernment"**

SERVICES @8:30 AM & 10:45 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES @9:50 AM



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Q: Who do I trust? How do I know?
(Desire to help needy folks financially)

Homework. Research. Investigation.

Ask folks that you do trust.

- If you hear it said about one of the towns...

Then you must inquire, probe, and investigate it thoroughly. (*Deut. 13:14*)

- Now to each one the manifestation of God's

Spirit is given for the common good.

To one there is given... wisdom...

knowledge... **discernment** of spirits

[motives] etc. (*1 Cor. 12:7-11*)

Homework. Observation. Prayer.
Release.

Remember: If I trusted and was scammed,
God judges my **intentions** rather than the
results.

Prov. 24:8 He who plots evil will be known as a schemer/scammer.

Prov. 24:12 If you say, “But I know nothing about this” (I believed them!) does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it?

Jesus was not scammed but he was betrayed and abused. His response? He “went around doing good” (*Acts 10:38*) and simply **entrusted** himself to the Heavenly Father who KNEW his heart (*1 Peter 2:23*).

Q: Homosexuality. What does the Bible say
AND how is the Christian to treat such people?

Love. Helpfulness. Warning. Prayer.
Humility. **Separation.**

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish...” So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. [This is description (how it happened)].

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. [This is prescription (how it is supposed to happen)]

Homosexuality, transgenderism, etc. **violate**
God's plan and **destroy** the pattern [FAMILY]
by which the male/female combination
express the fullness of his image.

When a person instinctively lies or lusts, they are simply following the impulses of their fallen ungodly nature. Sinning is natural. We are “by nature” objects of God’s wrath (*Gal. 2:3*). Amazingly the Bible describes homosexuality as “unnatural” (*Rom. 1:26*). Why? Because in this case the fallen mind must override the embedded instincts and physiology of the human body.

Scripture always describes homosexuality as being **offensive** to God and **equivalent** to saying that his design was mistaken. This is why it uses harsh words such as “detestable” (*Lev. 18:22*) and “perverted” (*Rom. 1:27*) and “rebellion” (*1 Tim. 1:9-10*).

(Speaking of sexual immorality and impurity).
“Let no one deceive you... because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be partners with them.” (*Eph. 5:7*)

Partners? We must **refuse** to support, abet, or encourage sexual sin.

This is an area where the world needs to understand a **distinction** between those who obey God and those who do not. We cannot honor a behavior which defiles God's clearly communicated will!