

Answering with the Truth

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Recently, a mother told me about the time she was shopping with her five-year-old daughter. They encountered a woman dressed and barbered as a man, and the little girl blurted out, "That man is really a woman."

Out of the mouths of babes often come truths that older people are too scared or, in this case, too polite to utter.

The mother told her daughter that we are all created by God to be male and female and to form marriages and families. "God made you to be a special girl, to grow into a wonderful woman," she said.

Since the girl was only just a kindergartener, the mom didn't go into how some people struggle with gender identity and self-image problems. That's a conversation for much later.

When to Engage?

I was in a department store recently and saw two people restocking shelves. One of them was "binding" (encasing their breasts so tightly as to appear flat-chested like a male). My heart went out to her, but I didn't feel led to witness to her on the spot. I asked for her help finding something and prayed silently for her self-esteem.

Christians are often faced with this kind of choice. Confront or not? Simply tell them Jesus loves them . . . and leave it at that?



The best thing to do is to ask the Holy Spirit whether to engage and what to say. Leaving it up to the Lord takes a lot of pressure off us and the results can surprise us.

Not everyone is hard-wired to be confrontational. I marvel at bold Christians and others who share their values and faith quite freely despite the risk of offense and pushback.

Here in Illinois, numerous parents attended a school board meeting in November to protest a 5th to 8th grade curriculum that they strongly felt was very inappropriate for their children. At least eight parents addressed the newly adopted materials from Wit

& Wisdom Books. They cited several shocking passages about violence, murder, racism, cannibalism and sexual promiscuity.

Another parent brought up the issue of LGBTQ+ indoctrination in elementary through high school grades. "I'm not advocating hate for anyone at all," he said, according to the local newspaper. "I'm asking that the district stop the support of sexual perversion." Well, yes. And we know what Jesus thinks of corrupting innocent children. You can find the "millstone" passage in Matthew 18:6.

A school board member also questioned the Wit & Wisdom material.

He asked, “Where do we draw the line? I understand inclusion, but there is a time and place for school and education, and there is a time and place for other things.”

The board president added, “We don’t get involved in the day-to-day lesson plans. But we want to know what is going on. We do not want a divisive curriculum at all.” Fine, but why did the responsibility fall to some brave citizens to raise the issue? Why did the schools allow this in the first place? The problem apparently would have gone unaddressed if parents had chosen to remain silent.

Part of a national trend

These Illinois fathers and mothers are not alone. School boards across the nation are hearing from concerned citizens who do not want their children corrupted, miseducated and turned into race-and-sex-obsessed people. Conservative parents have flipped entire school boards, including Florida’s Miami-Dade County, one of the largest districts in the nation.

For too long, Christians have been under attack by increasingly aggressive secularists and LGBTQ activists in the schools, popular culture and even in corporate America. Jesus told us to turn the other cheek, but not to become doormats. Certainly, He does not want us to sit back in silence while children are being tempted into sin.

It is vitally important that parents and other concerned citizens take a powerful interest in our children’s education. The optimal response to such a broken system is, if possible, to pull your children out and either homeschool them or place them in a Christian school. But we also need parents and other taxpayers to come together to speak out at school board meetings and talk to teachers.



Sometimes it is difficult to get to the truth and it takes real persistence.

The Scriptures leave no doubt as to who is in charge of a child’s life. Proverbs 22:6 says:

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Not just a religion

At PFOX, we understand that not everyone accepts and believes the moral values that are taught in the Bible. Yet we also know that Christianity is not just a particular religious worldview but the Truth itself.

No other religious leader rose from the dead or made claims to be God Incarnate like our Lord Jesus. All other religions teach that people need to work hard to please a deity. The Bible teaches that God reached down to become one of us. He died for our sins, was raised from the dead, and now He provides a

path for us to eternal life. As Jesus said:

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

Whenever it looks impossible, we need to remind ourselves that God is bigger than any problem.

In the Book of Daniel, we see how God used four courageous young men from Israel (Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) to transform a heathen nation. God’s Truth is always transformative.

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