

# Dealing with Conflict, God's Way

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Today's young people are being sold a pack of lies. We've known that for a while. We can't control the culture, but we can control our own response to falsehoods masquerading as wisdom.

For instance, we are hearing more and more stern declarations such as: "Who are you to judge? It isn't your place to determine right or wrong regarding sexuality." And, "It's not about sexual preferences or sexual attractions; it's about how we/they were born!"

Despite decades of misleading media reports and a handful of flawed and since-debunked studies by researchers like psychologist Evelyn Hooker and neuroscientist Simon LeVay, science has NOT proved homosexuality is "normal" or discovered a "gay gene" or a "trans gene." Not even close.

## Roots of sexual confusion

Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, a renowned psychiatrist who has treated gender disorders and reviewed the so-called "gay gene" studies, has said that nobody is "born gay." However, he said some people are born with personality



traits that make them vulnerable to environmental elements that can trigger same-sex attraction.

Think of a "tomboy" born with an excess of masculine qualities such as forcefulness and perhaps a physique that earns rejection from boys. She wasn't born gay, but may conclude that lesbianism is her only option. In many cases, abuse is a factor as well.

Or how about the sensitive, artistic boy who has difficulty fitting in with other boys, is rejected by his own dad, and is bullied? He wasn't truly born gay

or transgendered, but he may conclude that same-sex relationships or a trans identity are the way to find acceptance. Again, abuse is often a factor.

In the past, the vast majority of such children would grow up, get through puberty, adjust to their birth sex and go on to marry and start families. Today, many are picked off by an aggressive gay-dominated pop culture and corrupt school officials who steer them toward a life of sexual chaos.

When the kids give in to temptation, the "helpers" turn around and say, "See?

You must have been born that way.” Then they saddle them with a false identity and encourage them to rebel against their parents.

### Acceptance, not approval

At PFOX, our families know all about young people bullying loved ones with statements like, “If you loved me, you’d accept me (and everything I do).”

There’s a huge difference between acceptance and approval. Parents and other loved ones have the right and even the duty to maintain their own values, especially if they are Christians who understand what God requires.

It may be tough, but family members must resist the temptation to compromise simply to settle disputes. We have heard from parents who told us of their heartbreak upon hearing their children draw a line and exclude them for not abandoning their values.

Our counsel is always: Never burn the bridge, if at all possible. Continue to be open, honest and loving, yet firm. Try to encourage them to listen with an open heart and mind.

### ‘Fearfully and wonderfully made’

Encourage your child to know that God created each of us and wants the best for us. He knew us before we were born:

*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.” (Psalm 139: 13,14)*

Parents and grandparents may feel like they need to “make nice” and go along with whatever the child wants. But that tears them apart because they know they are being asked to validate wrong and reject what is right. Love tells the truth, not lies.



Approaching a militant attitude with love can be challenging. Some parents have told us they are eaten up inside. We tell them the hard truth that they must stop putting it on themselves to “fix my child.” We must let God do His work.

Prayers may take a long time to be answered. PFOX has heard stories of heartache from many parents. We have also heard that when they let go and allow God to work on their own hearts, it brings them peace.

It helps to talk about positive attributes your child has and to reinforce his or her best qualities. And, it is always paramount to remind them of how much Jesus loves them.

### PFOX in action

Board members Mark Culligan, director of New Hearts Outreach Tampa, and Denise Shick, founder of Help 4 Families Ministry, have had opportunities

recently to speak and share the good news about God’s love and care.

In 2022 Flo attended the God’s Voice conference in Oklahoma City, where PFOX had a display table. During breaks in the program, attendees were able to get a better understanding of Parent Support that PFOX offers.

Speaking of which, the regular Parent Support conference call on the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings will continue in the New Year. A 1st & 3rd Wednesday morning Parent Support ZOOM call is being added as well.

For more detailed information about times, etc., please email me at: [info@pfox.org](mailto:info@pfox.org).

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