

*Is it wrong to be homosexual, but not acting on it sexually? For example, if someone was romantically involved with someone of the same gender, but not sexually involved with them.*

Homosexuality is a sin punishable by death (Lev 20:13). It is: forbidden (Lev 18:22), considered an abomination (1 Ki 14:24) and it is unclean (Ro 1:24, 26, 27).

God provided a container for romantic love (eros)—which is marriage. Sex outside the covenant of marriage is sin (Ex 20:14).

Elijah rebuked Israel for wavering between worshipping the Lord and Baal, the god of lust without love (1 Ki 18:20-21). When one erects a shrine in his heart to him, he must take it down immediately.

Jesus said, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man (Mt 15:19–20).”

And, “If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire (Mt 18:9).”

Adultery is a matter of the heart. Jesus said, “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (Mt 5:28).

Heterosexual (Lev. 20:10–12) and homosexual (Lev. 20:10, 13) Sodomites go to hell. The apostle Paul warned:

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Co 6:9-10

And to the Galatians, he wrote:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Ga 6:7-8

Little Baals lead to larger Baals. James wrote, “Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death (Jas 1:14–15).

The Holy Spirit can renew one’s mind into purity (Is 32:15, Ro 12:2) so that he can live the life that God intended for him.