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Preconceived Notions

I may lose some people on this one, but I know any man who has struggled with unwanted homosexuality will understand what I'm talking about. This is one of those odder articles that I wouldn't call an advice column, a challenge or an insightful revelation....yet, at the same time, it is something that is on my heart and I want to share it with you. It's about walking away from preconceived notions that cause us to inadvertently continue on in sin.

Preconceived Notion #1 Once a sexual fall has started, you must follow through until someone screams THANK YOU!!!

This one took me some time to understand. Whenever I found myself getting sexual with a man I had just cruised, I would realize in under 10 seconds that I had made an error in judgement and that I was neither going to physically nor spiritually enjoy the encounter. Instead of backing off, joining my hands perpendicularly to form a "time-out" sign and saying goodbye, I would tense up, mentally separate myself from the situation, and begin to repent while still in the act. My reasoning was *I cannot just walk out on this guy and offend him because to hurt his feelings would be a terrible witness for Christ.*

Duh. Duh. Duh. Duh. Duh. Part of the healing process is coming to realize that it is never too late to repent from sin and that an interrupted 20 second fall is a decided improvement over a non-repenting 20 minute fall. You have every right to stop midway through any sexual fall, stand up, zip or button whatever is currently unzipped or unbuttoned, and say *I'm out of here!* You then earn the privilege to hold your head up high as you exit, for you have just claimed a small, "baby-steps" victory in your struggle.

Preconceived Notion #2 Every time you switch from gay porn to hetero-porn, an angel gets its wings.

I don't know why, but if I was visiting an adult video store or cruising an Internet site I ought not be cruising, instead of resisting Satan by doing something radical, such as leaving, I would give him a real taste of my holiness and switch from viewing men with men to viewing men with women. In a warped way, it always made me feel somewhat victorious.

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Of course, I was distorting the truth. I was so over-focusing on homosexual sin, that I saw other sins as benign, and figured they were a step in the right direction. In reality, they were just as much a step away from Jesus as the celebration of my homosexual cravings.

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Preconceived Notion #3 You have to clean yourself up before you can return to Christ.

This one was a personal favorite of mine. It is as ridiculous as trying to get into shape before joining a gym. That's what the gym is there for! And that's what Jesus is there for...to clean us up, to forgive us and to love us. I guess I was just embarrassed to turn to Him after, yet once more, making a mess of my life.

Preconceived Notion #4 Gay pride is everywhere.

Before I actually entered into the gay lifestyle, the only image I had of it came from a pamphlet I received at the Metropolitan Community Church. The front cover of this pamphlet was enough to have made Archie Bunker wanna get his groove on with Meathead. It showed two conservatively handsome gay men coming out of their church, holding hands, and smiling at each other lovingly. There was a rainbow in the background beaming over the church's steeple. Their pastor was clutching a Bible and nodding at them approvingly. And it was just understood that Mother Teresa's ministry in India did not please God half as much as the sex shared by these two men.

Reality paints a somewhat different picture. Even those who have made the move into the gay lifestyle, often are not proud of their homosexuality. This is most evident in the gay personal ads where the characteristics "straight looking" and "straight acting" are touted as desirable in a mate. I have yet to come across a gay personal stating: **M4M. I am completely gay looking and totally gay acting. I enjoy gay video stores, plastering my car with rainbow stickers, candlelit dinners at "gay owned and operated" restaurants, playing with Billy dolls, and cheering loudly as men in purple spandex twirl fire batons on floats during Pride.**

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