

Nine Acts of Conscience Christians Can Do

Besides Refuse to Bake Cakes

1---Refuse to rent rooms to fornicators or have them sleep together in your home.

I've read about several Christians who lost their businesses because they refused to rent rooms in their hotel to people they knew were same-sex partners. I hope we all admire their stand. But to be consistent, obviously Christians in this industry need to refuse to rent rooms to unmarried normal couples as well. This is what many Christians did in the past. In some parts of the world they still do. Having lived in China, I can even tell you some ethnicities there will not allow even married men and women to sleep together in their homes, because that is their culture. Well, our culture is based most strongly on our faith. We should not be renting rooms to fornicators. We should ask for a marriage certificate first. Likewise, keep your homes morally safe by making sure that visitors do not sleep together there either, but know they must have separate rooms. Maybe they'll make that illegal one day too. But we'll still need to do what is right.

2---Refuse to teach moral evil or be silent about God's truth in the schools.

If bakers and florists who refuse to celebrate sodomite marriage are being courageous and true to their faith, then so are Christian teachers, who refuse to teach the secular philosophies at the schools. True, it would cost teachers their jobs if they stand up for the truth (unless perhaps they do it in large numbers) but it has cost others their businesses and even their life savings to stand up against the sodomite agenda. Let's have the same integrity. Christian teachers should not be teaching children the naturalistic and relativistic viewpoints in school because they are false. Nor should they be promoting the depraved immorality which secular schools do. In fact, they should be active in speaking the truth about Almighty God, His moral law, and Jesus Christ. Teachers need to act like bakers on this. Speak God's truth always.

3---Don't sell or promote lewd magazines at your business

Refusal to bake a cake amounts to refusing for a brief moment to give a sign of approval to perverted "gay" unions. But what if the rest of your time you have godless magazines, typically full of lewdness, sitting around your place of business and you yourself put them there. Day after day. Year after year. If you don't want to approve of sodomite marriage, you also shouldn't want to approve of what those magazines promote, much less give them to

customers every day. You still see businesses in Mennonite Lancaster County which would never have these magazines around, but sadly, most Christians elsewhere put them out. It is only right and only consistent that we stop. Christians do not promote evil.

4---Don't play pop music at your businesses.

In a similar vein to ending the magazines at Christian businesses, we also need to end the secular music. The music does not glorify God and His Son Jesus Christ. It focuses on mankind and his feelings, often overwhelming ones. It also promotes immorality and lewdness. If Christians don't want to promote unions between sodomites, they shouldn't promote this music either. It amounts to hypocrisy to refuse one and accept the other. If you are Christian, stop playing this garbage at your shop.

5---Don't sell immodest apparel in businesses or distribute it in schools.

You cannot go through one day of the warmer months in a so-called Christian neighborhood and not see Christians dressing in immodest apparel, and that means most of the year where many of us live. The women especially, seem addicted to being as revealing as possible. One has to ask why Christians, who are so against promoting same-sex marriage, even allow such dress in their homes. But when it comes to business, this is another area where Christian businessmen need to live their faith. A Christian should not be selling immodest dress any more than they should be selling rainbow sodomite flags. If people don't like it, explain that your faith calls for modesty, and that this glorifies Jesus. If they take offense, that is their problem. Keep following the Savior.

6---Do not promote gender bending in ministry.

If it's worth your business to refuse to celebrate sodomy, then it's worth your job in ministry to refuse to promote, preach or celebrate the gender bending which goes on there. It is truly immense and ungodly as well. Most of it amounts to the influx of women preachers and pastors, along with the acceptance if not promotion of careerism and independence among women, neither of which is biblical. Stand your ground on these matters. Refuse to preach falsehood about gender and refuse to collaborate in feminizing the ministry. Churches have done more harm in the arena of gender than secularists have, and it's because of the weak and cowardly. The enemy is within. We need courageous men to stand on this issue and be faithful.

7---Do not promote wickedness in media.

If a believer works in the media, he will have to carve out a niche for himself where he can practice his faith. This might mean asking employers to respect his faith (which many will not) or it might mean working independently and setting standards which he'll apply to the jobs he

takes. That will mean turning down some jobs and it will mean focusing more on certain kinds of work. But if you can't practice your faith in the field of media, maybe you should not be in that field in the first place. Take the challenge. Just as some people in the field refuse to donate their talents to producing or selling hardcore pornography, just make your standards broader than that.

As one example, when I worked as a freelance travel writer, I once turned down an invitation to write a piece about the city's nightclubs, and requested another assignment. I explained that I see little reason for the existence of nightclubs but to harm human relationships, and I could not in good conscience make them sound acceptable. They understood my decision and had no problem with my writing on a different topic. We have to make countless decisions like that, brothers. The secularists have battled bravely for their man-focused agenda. We need to practice equal bravery for our God-glorifying faith.

8---Practice civil disobedience on the job

Most of this advice on how Christians can live their faith in business has focused on business owners. But naturally it needs to include employees too. And managers. And supervisors. Employees need to be prepared for the countless situations they will face that require civil disobedience. That would include refusing to promote evil on the job, and refusal to do much or all of what I've mentioned above because it goes against our faith. Why should a Christian as an employee promote sodomy any more than they should promote pedophilia or crystal meth? Christians on the job need to refuse such orders. It would be best if they do so in unity, but if they have to stand alone they must.

9---Be open about your faith and standards in business

Just as many secular businesses openly state their business' values, Christians in business should do the same. Don't just wait for a situation to arise in which you'll need to stand for what is right. Take the battle directly to the gates of hell, and state your standards in your business or on your website. Let anyone know plainly in writing that you do not promote immorality in your business, along with other ways you live your faith in the business world. Christians should be united on this. The world also needs to know that some people in the marketplace follow a higher law than economics and put God first. Your behavior in business will be one way people learn about your faith.

There are countless examples I could give of Christians setting standards in business, but here is one small example from a Christian performance venue:

[This is from The Torch in Morgantown, PA]

For performers: All music is to be Christian music; your songs, conduct, & appearance are to bring honor & glory to Jesus Christ and minister to others in a Godly manner. We request that women wear modest dresses/skirts and that men wear long pants. We also request that dresses/blouses/shirts have sleeves and no low necklines.

See, that wasn't so hard, was it? Now go and do the same.

To the glory of the Savior.

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