

The Fine Line

Hate The Game, Not The Player

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Memory Verse: John 17:14

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1. Love is our greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-40

2. Unconditional love is God obedience based on truth not unconditional approval of behavior based on emotion. 1 John 5:3

3. Wake up and acknowledge the unfriendly options that box you in. Romans 12:1-2

Satan's Option #1 – Conform or be militant

Satan's Option #2 – Conform and be irrelevant

4. Wake up and acknowledge terms Satan has redefined.

Hate (v.) - A passionate dislike

Claim: The church hates same sex couples because we choose to obey God, claiming that biblical marriage is only for a man and a woman.

Love: Tells the truth even if it is not popular. **John 15:13**

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
Proverbs 27:6

Bigot (n.) or **Discriminator** - Intolerance towards those who hold different views.

Claim: It is bigotry and discrimination to support biblical marriage, which would prevent same sex marriage.

Love: Holds everyone to a common standard. **Matthew 19:4-6**

Hypocrite (n.) - An actor – unless someone has changed the script.

Claim: The church is not acting consistent with their teaching.

Love: Consistent behavior. *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.* **1 John 4:8.**

Love is consistent. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*
Hebrews 13:8.

Judgmental (adv.) - Decisions pertaining to right and wrong.

Claim: The Church thinks they have the right to decide who is wrong and who is right.

Love: Keeps Jesus' Word. **John 14:23-24**

The Holy Spirit confirms that Truth. **John 16:5-15**



DO Something! Write down one thing you fear will happen if you stand up for your faith.

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