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Can Mervyn Storey's actions in heading a Stormont Department which funds sodomy and blasphemy be defended or excused?

Mervyn Storey remains an elder in the Free Presbyterian Church, despite his links with recent controversies regarding the funding of ungodly activities, activities which are deeply offensive and blasphemous.

That would suggest that there are those who believe that what he did was without sin and involves no transgression of God's Word.

There has been no public response by Storey to criticisms of his actions in these matters. Nor, indeed, have any of those who have gone "from house to house" tattling out empty, spurious excuses for the man, had the courage to openly answer the case made against him.

Of course, this was the pattern adopted by those who sought to defend poor Dr Paisley's decision to enter a power-sharing government with Sinn Fein/IRA back in 2007.

Such a tactic is in itself an unwitting admission of the weakness of their case.

2007

Back in 2007, there was frequent use of Matthew 18:15-16, which states: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established," Matthew 18:15-16.

Apart from the fact that I personally did meet with Dr Paisley and also confronted the issue in Presbytery, these verses have no bearing on the public disputes about actions taken by individuals, which are contrary to the wellbeing of the Church of Christ and the honour of God's name.

Did Paul carry out the directive of Matthew 18:15-16 when confronting Peter as recorded in Galatians 2:11? No, because Peter's actions were not a personal attack on Paul, but rather on the whole purpose of God. Therefore Paul confronted Peter in the manner in which he had done wrong - PUBLICLY!

The appealing to Matthew 18:15-16 is a shameful misuse of God's Word in a vain attempt to sweep things under the carpet and keep the matter "in house" but that is not God's way.

God's way is the way of Jude, Paul, John etc who publicly dealt with the sins and departures in their days, thus giving an open warning to all of the dangers abroad.

WRONG

What Mervyn Storey has done is wrong and he and his supporters cannot hide behind the excuse that, in the instance of the funding of the scandalously wicked play in which the Saviour was depicted as a transsexual, his Department paid out money to an organisation which was in support of the this blasphemy.

If I give money to an organisation which in turn passes it on or uses it in any way to aid those engaged in a wicked cause, ought I not to stop giving such money?

This was the basis of the FPC protest back in the 1980s against the ecumenical Ulster churches financially supporting the WCC when that organisation was openly passing on money to liberation/terrorist organisations?

Has Mervyn Storey indicated that he will avoid such support in the future? I have not heard him say so nor, in truth, do I expect him to say so for he would soon cease to be the Minister of the Department that funds such activities.



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But what about his granting of funding sodomite organisations DIRECTLY?

We highlighted an answer his Department gave regarding such funding back in January of this year. **Click here.**

Part of our article contained the following quotation from a Department of Social Development's reply to a question by Jim Allister. It tells us that "£231,681.00 was spent on LGBT projects, including £170,000 to support the Strabane & Lifford LGBT group alone, and annual subventions to Belfast Pride." Here is direct funding of sodomite perverts by Mr Story's Department. He cannot escape responsibility for this support to such ungodly activities. Such support indicates a sanction, a legitimising of that which God has utterly condemned. "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them," Leviticus 20:13. Such was the penalty in the Old Testament Theocracy. Far from condemning such activities, Mr Storey by his Department's support of it, is guilty of endorsing such.

Now just what can those who support and exonerate him say in response to this?

From past behaviour, they will say nothing, at least publicly though they may mutter amongst themselves. They cannot defend his actions but on the other hand, they inexplicably are unwilling to condemn him either.

If he is right then PUBLICLY stand up for him.

If he is wrong then it is wrong and cowardly to remain silent!

SAVIOUR'S WORDS

The Saviour has some solemn words to say to those who would thus sit on the fence.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon," Matthew 6:24.

"He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth," Luke 11:23.

TIME TO SPEAK OUT

This situation cannot continue. Surely there are ministers and elders who know this is wrong and are prepared to speak out against the 'silent' condoning of Mervyn Storey's untenable position.

There can be no denying that the ungodly recognise the wrong and hypocrisy involved in this.

It is time therefore that the testimony of the Free Presbyterian Church was rescued from this incongruous and shameful situation.