



But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. – Matthew 15:9

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YOU WILL DO THINGS MY WAY, NOT YOURS FORCING YOUR WILL UPON SOMEONE ELSE

A few years ago there was a law passed here in the United States that requires all people to have health insurance. It was the affordable care act or otherwise known as Obamacare. The feds set a level at which an employer had to provide health care coverage for their employees. The owner of Hobby Lobby fought the government because he claimed that providing birth control for his employees would be a sinful act on his part.

The issue of providing birth control is the same issue as providing a marriage license to same-sex couples. If you feel something is morally wrong then you have the right to not act in a way that would cause you to either use a contraceptive or marry someone of the same gender or whatever. However, you don't have the right to force your own personal convictions upon someone else.

Following is an article that I found on my computer. I had written it and posted it on my Facebook group at the time this was going on. Hopefully this will help you to understand why it is not an act of love to force our own will upon another. And since it's not an act of love then it isn't an act that God ordains.

Today I heard on the radio that the feds voted in favor of Hobby Lobby. OK, I don't listen to the news much so there may be

things going on that I'm not aware of. But I want to comment on this and it may be that there is more to the story than I am aware of.

I will no longer do any shopping at Hobby Lobby. This whole thing of whether or not birth control is a covered benefit in someone's insurance package rubs me wrong.

Mr. Hobby Lobby, you claim to be a christian, and I don't want to sit in judgment of you, but I have to wonder where your focus is? Are you thinking of the people who work for you or are you thinking of yourself? Forcing your own moral convictions upon someone else is wrong. You cannot stand in the place of God to someone else.

Since you are so determined to not provide this coverage, are you prepared to pay your employees a higher wage that will be enough to cover the expense of raising those unplanned children until they are old enough to provide for themselves? Are you going to pay their medical bills, buy their clothes, feed them 3 balanced meals a day, provide money for baby sitting, provide money for their education, etc.... Or, are you using your "religious convictions" as a means to hoard money for yourself?

God wants people who are more interested in others than in themselves. Where do you stand, Mr. Hobby Lobby? Are you going to tell an employee who finds herself pregnant that she shouldn't be having so much sex while you yourself are enjoying marital pleasures? What are you and your wife using as a means of birth control? Personally, I'm glad I'm not married to you because I don't want the responsibility of raising all those children nor do I want to go through labor again. Forcing your wife to endure labor because you have a personal conviction against birth control is a form of spousal abuse. Abusing your spouse is not an act of love therefore it isn't an act that God ordains. How many children do you have anyway?

Again, I don't want to sit in judgment of you, Mr. Hobby Lobby, but on this one I'm going to look at the fruit you are producing and it appears to me you are producing fruit of greed and uncaring. That, in my book, makes you a christian, not a

Christian. Notice the case. A Christian will act toward others in the way that God will treat them. A christian will act toward others in a way that will suit his own agenda and if need be will hurt others in the name of the lord. Again notice the case.

And to those of you who actually read that, sorry for the rant. It just rubs me wrong when I see someone do something to harm someone else and get away with it. Especially when they claim religious convictions.

Love to all and have a wonderful, God-filled day,

Hannah

Well, that was my soapbox rant. If you are personally convicted that the use of birth control is a sin, then by all means don't use birth control. But if you do that then you had better be sure you are able to support all those kids that will be forthcoming from your conviction.

Perhaps the best form of birth control is abstinence. Oh, pardon me. It seems I just said a dirty word. OK, I'll repeat it. Abstinence. It works. It prevents pregnancy and the spread of disease.

If you are single then abstinence is the Biblically prescribed form of birth control. And you can practice abstinence without a doctor's prescription. Plus, it's low-cost. If you are married, then I'm not getting involved in what you do. That's between you, your spouse, and God. And if you are an employer, you have no business getting involved in your employees bedroom behavior. It's none of your business. No matter what your personal convictions are, your employees bedroom behavior is not any of your business.

If you have a problem with that then perhaps you could benefit from some professional counseling for it would seem that you may have control issues. And if control issues aren't your problem, then maybe you could benefit from some good, old-fashioned knee time. Present your dilemma to God and sincerely ask for help with your problem of greed, or whatever it is that makes you need to put yourself first.

Well, aren't I in a bitchy mood this afternoon? Sorry. But I get perturbed when I see injustice in action and the perp is able to legally get away with it. Especially when they are claiming moral convictions.

Now I shall go and work off some steam.

Love to all,

Hannah

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