

## CHANGES AFTER CONVERSION

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There is a couple living in our town, Sally Owens and Darren Tapscott. They live together but are not married to each other although they both have a spouse that, for financial and other reasons, they cannot proceed to divorce.

They are a modern couple. He wears earrings and she the miniest of skirts. They smoke, drink alcohol, take small amounts of cannabis, have been had up for shoplifting. They use bad language, go nightclubbing, get drunk and so on.

Then something happened.

They went to a meeting of the evangelist Dick Saunders and were converted. They stopped smoking, taking cannabis, petty crime, bad language, nightclubbing and getting drunk at once. Darren had his earrings removed. They pressed hard for their respective divorces but to no avail.

They offered to do the shopping for the old lady next door and Darren cleared her garden and sought no reward. This young couple were completely changed.

The next step for them was to find a church that was faithful to the Word of God and not an entertainment centre. That was difficult since it seems that a most churches are modern and do not adhere to the Biblical positions of holiness, reverence and unworldliness.

They went to a church and were initially welcomed but Sally still wore very short skirts. The men in the church loved this and were often around her like bees around its hive. Darren was a little embarrassed but said nothing.

However, some of the women in the church had a lot to say. Women can be so bitchy. Sally was called a whore, a woman of the streets and a tart, although not to her face. The minister said that she could not tell Sally what to wear since that would infringe her human rights. People had forgotten that this young couple had changed their lives for the better. The members of the church should have rejoiced over two sinners repenting and coming to the Lord.

Then it was discovered that they were not married but living together and some of the women in the church said that they must get married at once if they were to continue to come to the church.

Darren heard this and lost his temper at some of the women and said, "You have two men who come to this church regularly and live together and they have only one bed in their house and it is a double bed. They probably shag each other every night!".

The young couple came to see me and I expressed my concern about the homosexual men and that the Bible states clearly that homosexuality and effeminacy is serious sin but, very gently, I told Sally about the length of her skirts and how the Bible talks about modest dress in a woman and that a woman showing her thighs was naked in God's sight.

Sally immediately accepted this and never wore a short skirt again. Several young men left the church as a consequence which tells us a lot about them!

But the bitches in the church were not content complaining that the young couple were still living together. When challenged about the gay men, they replied that this was acceptable since it was now legal for gays to cohabit!

Sally and Darren still cannot get their respective divorces and that is not their fault. They have left our Methodist Church and they did not take to our minister, Rachel, since the New Testament does not authorise lady ministers and, in fact, forbids them. Sally, in a moment of fun, said, “Vicars in knickers... whatever next?”.

The questions to be asked are

1. Were the couple right to live together bearing in mind that they could not get their respective divorces?
2. Was Sally in order to wear miniskirts to church ?
3. Were the lady members right to criticise her about her skirts?
4. Should Darren have dealt with this?
5. That the minister did nothing, what does that tell you about her?
6. Should all churches follow the Biblical teaching about gays ?
7. Were Sally and Darren right to leave this church ?
8. While Sally's comment about lady vicars upholds Biblical teaching was she indiscreet to say what she did?

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