

# TRUE IDENTITY

by Dr. Yvonne Lewis

Society is topsy-turvy! If you watch secular TV at all, you'll notice that more and more programs are featuring couples that practice alternative lifestyles. Whether it's extramarital, heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or transgendered, it's all right in front of us.

## The Power to Choose

Believe it or not, I think each person can choose his or her life path. Now, before you write letters and make calls to 3ABN demanding my resignation, let me explain. Jesus never forces us to do His bidding. He lays the better way out before us, and it's up to us to decide what we want to do. Each decision has its consequences, and that's what many of the proponents of the alternative lifestyle and culture want to dismiss.



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Recently, I had the privilege of producing a season's worth of *Pure Choices* programming with the Coming Out Ministries team. What a blessing! They are on the front lines, swimming against the tide of social pressures to accept the gay culture as spiritually acceptable. Wayne Blakely, Mike Carducci, Ron Woolsey, and Danielle Harrison are all ex-gays who have been redeemed by the power of God. Their message of transformation through redemption and love isn't popular, but they share it, nonetheless. They have met quite a bit of resistance, both in and out of the church, and are quite disturbed by the seemingly wavering position taken by some church members on this issue. Some Christian institutions have even closed their doors to them because they see them as being too controversial and politically incorrect!



The new season of *Pure Choices* features (l to r): Wayne Blakely, Ron Woolsey, Mike Carducci, and Danielle Harrison.

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Walt Heyer discusses how the power of God changed his life on *Pure Choices*.

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Coming Out Ministries speaks truth in love. According to their website, "To be a gay Christian, a gay Adventist, or a homosexually oriented Christian places an emphasis on self and temptation; suggesting a handicap or disclaimer. Addressing sexual sin has been a challenge to all Christian faiths. Ignorance has resulted in silence. Due to the lack of knowledge, there has been fear and skepticism about reaching out. But silence is not an option when Satan is gaining momentum each day deceiving those who will live according to feelings rather than every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

In praise and glory to God, these four redeemed souls have joined in a united front to provide education, hope, and personal stories of God's redemptive process.

Coming Out Ministries did a great job hosting *Pure Choices*! One of their guests was Walt Heyer, a transgendered man who faced a gender identity issue called gender dysphoria, had the surgery to become a woman, was converted, and returned to living life as a man!

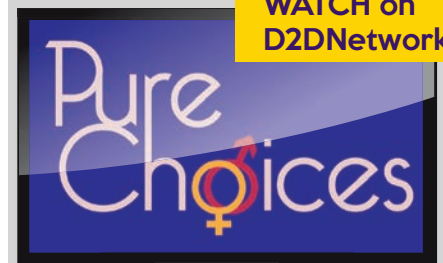
Walt talks about the power of God to change a life. He also discusses the fact that many of the people who have sexual reassignment surgery, regret it later. His story, and other riveting testimonies, are what you can look forward to on the upcoming season of *Pure Choices*. ☺

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## Breaking Free

One of the things that I admire about their ministry is the fact that they are not condemning or judgmental. Sexual sin, whether heterosexual or homosexual, is sin nonetheless, and therefore needs to be dealt with as such. They've been there. They've experienced life at its lowest ebb, and they

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