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Thank you for clicking on this topic, my aim in this study is not to change anyone's mind to a particular view, but rather to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but happen to be born for whatever scientific or medical reason with a natural attraction to a partner of the same sex. Please take the time to read the title, "About the Author and Testimonies" to understand the motive and intent of my heart in writing these articles.

Effeminate (1 Corinthians 6:9).

1 Cor. 6:9 -----⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor *effeminate* (*malakos*), nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Effeminate: comes from the Greek word (*malakos*). From Strong's Concordance it means, soft (i.e. fine clothing) figuratively it means a catamite which refers to a boy kept by a man for sexual intercourse. The word translated effeminate in this verse is used in the following verse to denote soft clothing.

Concerning John the Baptist Jesus said to the multitudes: -

- What went ye out for to see? A man clothed in *soft* (*malakos*) raiment? behold, they that wear *soft* (*malakos*) clothing are in kings' houses (Matthew 11:8).

Matthew when referring to soft (*malakos*) clothing uses the exact same Greek word as Paul did in (1 Cor. 6:9). Notice, in Matthews discourse soft/effeminate refers to those who are rich and living in Kings Houses (those who can afford expensive homes and designer clothing). This means that in the context of what Paul is saying in (1 Cor. 6:9) the word effeminate (*malakos*) can refer to any of the following: -

- The rich who spend their money excessively on self-indulging luxury and fashion clothing.
- People of soft morals.
- People who lack courage (i.e., soft and feeble).

Strong's Concordance also says when the word effeminate is used figuratively it refers to a catamite, meaning a boy kept by a man for sexual intercourse, even the homosexual community would agree that this is grossly wrong.

SUMMARY: to use the word effeminate to condemn men and woman who are living in a committed caring same sex relationship is certainly not good Bible study practise. Added to this those who do use the word effeminate in this way maybe in danger of bringing judgment upon themselves for the following two reasons, firstly, when effeminate is used referring to soft clothing it could easily apply to people who live in Kings houses or the rich as used in (Matt 11:8) or to people of soft morals who lack any sense of integrity and good ethics or of people who simply lack courage. Secondly when effeminate is used sexually it refers to a boy kept by a man for sexual intercourse, which of course both the vast majority of the heterosexual and the homosexual community are totally against. For these reasons to use the word effeminate to condemn men and woman who are living in a committed caring same sex relationship clearly seems to be reading far more into the word than what Paul is actually saying.

I, like the Jews of old who had to work their way through adopting Gentiles into their midst and work out-together what that meant for each group, still have certain questions that I am working though myself and for that reason my aim in these articles is not to tell anyone what they should or should not believe, but simply present unbiased information that hopefully will help people who like myself were influenced by my generation to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians and by certain church leaders to condemn everyone who was in a same sex relationship to condemnation and hell-fire.

End.