

## **Michael Vick: What Was So Wrong?**

Intro: What causes an infraction of the law to cross the line where we conclude that this activity is wrong and cannot be tolerated? Many professional athletes live lives full of sexual infidelity and no one is bothered very much. Yet, Michael Vick trained dogs to kill one another and this is not acceptable to most folks who don't care about his or anyone else's sexual behavior. Why do some sins clearly cross a line and others don't? Let's look at 10 things to consider.

1. Defining morality, as the secular world sees it, can help.
2. Michael Vick and The Dogs – Who got hurt? Depends?
3. King David and Bathsheba – Who got hurt? Depends?
4. Judah and Tamar – Who got hurt? Depends?
5. How would our culture react to the events described in Amos 2:6-8?
6. Amos lists a number of Judah's sins. Notice Amos' answer in 5:4-7.
7. When you remove God, "restraint" goes with him. Hosea 4:1-3
8. Without understanding God's anguish over sin (Remember Hosea), there is no way to get our lives right. How does God define "treacherous" behavior in Malachi 2:10ff?
9. Without accepting God's intention for our bodies and hearts, I believe almost any sin can be explained away. Genesis 2-3; 1 Corinthians 6
10. Michael Vick, King David and Judah must have their behavior judged by an objective investigation of God's law. The consequences are what they are. They change nothing about the sin that started the resulting chaos that followed.

Conclusion: If we are prepared to understand what was wrong in the eyes of God with Judah, Michael or David, we can develop a strong base from which we can fully understand the evil in immorality. When it comes to human beings, when God isn't "drawing the line", the desire for any line disappears.