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[Bethany](#)

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December 26, 2008

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I'm concerned that my son has a secret girlfriend?

My 17 year old son has been very secretive with me lately, recently he has started to refuse to go to church with the family and tonight when I was going through his room I found a magazine with naked men in it. He obviously has a girlfriend that he is hiding from me that brought that magazine into my home and I am afraid they are having intercourse and I am greatly concerned that he is going to get her pregnant.

What should I do about this?

- 1 month ago (2008-12-26 17:48:33)

1 month ago

He is not a homosexual, we have taught him from the bible and he has learned though our church that this is not in God's plan. I will not teach him about condoms, that is unacceptable, we have always taught him about abstinence and that is what God and his future wife expects from him.

I want to speak to our pastor about this but I am very afraid of what he would think we are teaching our son if he thinks we are allowing him to sneak a girl into his bedroom. That is clearly inappropriate and we are good parents, I am very afraid what he will think of us.

by [You asked... I answered](#)

Member since:

June 11, 2008

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If your SON had a magazine of naked MEN I am doubting that he has a secret GIRLFRIEND. I'm thinking that your son it probably questioning his sexuality, or has already determined that he is gay.

The best thing to do is be open, honest and truthful. Tell him you were spying on him, and going through his belongings when you came across his hidden magazine. Ask, don't accuse, and if he doesn't want to talk to you about it, respect his wishes. Yelling or preaching to him about how "wrong" homosexuality is is not going to get him to open up to you.

You were wrong for snooping through your 17 year old son's belongings. Did you think you would find his secret girlfriend under his mattress?

EDIT: Let me see if I understand. You will not allow your son to be gay because the bible says it's wrong. You will not talk to your son about condoms because you feel it's wrong? So, your son is supposed to what... sit in his room alone and miserable because he might be feeling or doing something his mother would not condone? I think that being a good mother means listening to your son and accepting him for what he is. Whether he is gay or not is not something you have control over. Neither is his going out and having sex (or safe sex) if that is what he wants to do. Are you going to chain him to his bed so he can't leave? Drop him off at school and pick him up so you know he isn't doing something on the way there or home that YOU disapprove of? Give the kid some breathing room and hope you raised him right. I'm assuming that he will be graduating in May... are you going to forbid him from going to college because he WILL encounter homo-sexuals, bi-sexuals and heterosexuals engaging in safe sex. There will be sex, drugs, drinking, partying, swearing. Loosen the reins a little bit and believe that you reared him well. You're going on about being a "good mother" then believe that you did the best you could. No matter how much you preach your beliefs, opinions and morals he is his own person... not a clone of you. Trust that he is doing the right thing for himself, as you should have taught him to do... and not to listen to what others say about him.

- [1 month ago \(2008-12-26 18:00:24 \)](#)

Source(s):

straight, married, woman that believes love between a man and woman is no different than love between a man and man or woman and another woman.

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[MD](#)

Wow, this question is so pathetic that it ended up on FAILBLOG. Lady, seriously, you need a reality check. [Report Abuse](#)

[TomParis](#)

Jesus is love. This means that no matter what sins you commit or have committed, you can still go to

heaven if you accept the gift of salvation that can only be gotten through Jesus Christ. Communication is essential to a healthy relationship between parents and their children. Talk to your son [Report Abuse](#)

[G. G](#)

She is simply setting herself, and her family, up for failure. The "Gods Plan" excuse never holds water. If God gives you a headache or broken arm, is it against "Gods Plan" to seek medical attention? And if Homosexuality was a choice, why not choose the path of least resistance? [Report Abuse](#)
[thedooms...](#)

you KNOW he's not gay because you taught him about religion? do you remember a little scandal a few years ago when priests got caught raping little boys? "god's plan" has nothing to do with real life... your son is most likely gay and you can't teach him not to be. [Report Abuse](#)

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While God does ask us to be chaste, he does not ask us to deny who we are. Those who are gay are burdened with an especially difficult thorn in their sides. Their chastity is even more difficult because they are supposed to be abstinent their whole lives! I could never make it-I'll wait for marriage [Report Abuse](#)

[cristina f](#)

You may want to speak to your son about how being attracted to people is ok, but objectifying others (men or women) is not. One way to solve the church problem would be to give him allowance to pick his own church. It seems he is in a questioning state and needs to take the reins of his own morality

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[Danielle](#)

If Bethany happens to check back on this post, I would suggest reading Prayers for Bobby by Leroy Aarons. It seems like a similar mother-son relationship though hopefully the outcome with Bethany and her son is much less tragic. [Report Abuse](#)

[Eilonnwy](#)

Situations like this make my heart break for the son who is probably going through a really hard time. I'm always grateful that my parents unconditionally accept my bisexuality and have never judged me despite my mother being a devout Catholic. If your son is truly gay you need to support him. [Report Abuse](#)

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[Alvin Jose G](#)

LOL it ended up in failblog so i had to check it out. Lady it seems your son IS gay. Religion has no say in the matter. I do not like gays myself but not that i shun them to hell. You need to communicate with your son a little better so that he will grow up a fine man. [Report Abuse](#)

[tprjones](#)

Sorry folks, this is a hoax. Check the image on Failblog (<http://failblog.org/2009/01/27...>) and you will see that the image posted there is tagged "Your Open Question". This is an indication that the person posting it to the FailBlog was the same person posting it here. Hoax. [Report Abuse](#)

[humbug](#)

Funny FAIL. At least be smart enough to log out before taking the screen shot. Meh, at least you got your moment in the Failblog sun, right? [Report Abuse](#)

[kpugs](#)

Your kid is gay, and there is nothing wrong with that. The simple fact that you are in this much denial is already making him hate you. Worst mom of all time. Embrace him, he's your son. Unless of course you care more about some church or holy book than you do about the child you bore yourself. [Report Abuse](#)

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tprjones- good catch! [Report Abuse](#)

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Haha! Good catch, tprjones. It's a fail of a fail! :D [Report Abuse](#)

[kfizz311](#)

The reason he does not want to go to church since he is feeling guilt. Since you the bible thumping mom says he is going to hell. Go worship your god kirk Cameron. I mean really how can you think god would want to fill you with hate not love. [Report Abuse](#)

[Alexander K](#)

Where is your GOD now? [Report Abuse](#)

[mdaigle1...](#)

wow, you are stupid. why would you search your sons room? do you not trust him? and who cares if he has a secret girlfriend? hes 17. hell be moving out in another year. and thirdly, just because you taught him about god and what not, doesnt mean that he obbviously cant be gay... [Report Abuse](#)

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best answer ftw [Report Abuse](#)

[steveewi...](#)

I don't think you have to worry about your son bringing women into his bedroom. I think he'll find enough to do with all those fun twinks -- er, friends of his. [Report Abuse](#)

[Kevin S](#)

The fact that there are so many serious answers is the funniest part about this. I have the real answer to Bethany's question. While I did laugh, do you seriously think christians think like this? I'll make a deal with you, don't assume so much about religion and I won't assume you have AIDS [Report Abuse](#)

[penguin](#)

How did you decide pictures of naked men = girlfriend? I hate to break this to you, but pictures of naked men = GAY. And if he is gay, it's not something that can be prevented by the teachings of the Bible. Homosexuals are BORN gay, the same way that YOU were born straight. Accept him or lose him. [Report Abuse](#)

[PhillipS...](#)

I see very few if any biblical answers here with a difficult subject. But remember to not fall for what the very loud "gay lobby" would have you believe. Christian bookstores have some good books covering this subject. [Report Abuse](#)

[Hanna C](#)

This is the saddest thing I've ever read. someone needs to make this woman watch " Prayers for Bobby" [Report Abuse](#)

[andrew d](#)

Well I'm a Christian too and I will say your sons gay. Talk to him and ask him if he is gay tell him that there will be now punishment and ask him why he is gay. I personally think being gay is wrong but i think you can still be saved. I if he is gay i would pray for him and tell him that your are. [Report Abuse](#)

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[andrew d](#)

I would also talk to the pastor and youth paster (if you have one)

also im a teen and i don't like my mom snooping in my room but i think you have a right t since it is your house. [Report Abuse](#)

[tragical...](#)

To Bethany's son (if you're reading this)... Your mom is blinded w/ ignorance. Your relationship with God is just that...YOURS. Your mom only knows what she's been brainwashed to believe. Don't fall into the same trap. Explore your own spirituality, and DO WHOEVER YOU WANT (but be safe).

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[jonnyb](#)

honey if your son has a magazine full of naked men...him having a secret girlfriend is not a problem you will ever have to deal with...you are obviously delusional and i'm sorry for your son because he knows he can't be himself around and that's a very sad feeling. [Report Abuse](#)

[Tek](#)

When I saw this on Failblog I had a hard time believing it was serious. I suspect it's someone poking fun at religion.

If not, it's silly to act like being gay is worse than premarital sex. If you're a Christian you believe sins are sins. [Report Abuse](#)

[torquest...](#)

01/27/2009:

Continuing tprjones's post, did anyone else notice that the Fail Blog picture is dated "one second ago", even though it was posted today, 01/27/2009? <http://failblog.org/2009/01/27...>

Yet this question is a month old.

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Straiiight from Fail blog.

Alright seriously, Ma'am, Your son's allowed his own way of thinking. It's not your parenting that made him gay, it's a choice. If I prefer girls over boys, It's my choice, god had Nothing to do with it. Pray that he'll feel comfortable the way he is, it's for the best. [Report Abuse](#)

[Buri](#)

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[matadorb...](#)

If your church is a decent one there is no reason you should be worried about what your pastor would think. It is his role to help you through life's tough situations. I recommend meeting with him or one of the elders without your son first to seek their counsel. [Report Abuse](#)

[martin r...](#)

Congratulations, the question has made the failblog

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[Stanley L](#)

EPIC FAIL. He is gay. [Report Abuse](#)

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Other Answers (26)

- by [existent...](#)

Member since:

December 08, 2007

Total points:

623 (Level 2)

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If he has a magazine of naked MEN, he is more than likely experimenting around with males, not females.

You should be accepting of him, and tell him that he can be open and honest with you, and tell him that you won't judge if he has a secret girlfriend OR boyfriend.

If he does have a girlfriend and you're worried that they're having sex, buy him a pack of condoms and tell him about STDs, pregnancy, etc.

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- by [OoG3oO](#)

Member since:

March 26, 2006

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291 (Level 2)

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I'm sorry that it confuses you or it goes "against what the Bible says" ... your son is gay. And apparently he is going to have a lot of problems growing up with parents like you who are more afraid of what a pastor might think of you than being afraid of losing your son and the communication you have (if any) with him...

try to be a bit more open minded and get books on raising a gay son because sure as hell you're going to need them.

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- by [Does it really matter ?](#)

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June 25, 2008

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first of all you shouldn't be going through his room he will think you don't trust him. Maybe try to pretend you didn't find anything and sit down and talk to him about it. If they are having sex maybe he will talk to you most likely dad though about it and he can be taught to be safe both for pregnancy and stds. IF he is going to have sex he is going to do it no matter what you tell him today

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- by [Kanariya...](#)

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December 27, 2008

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Sorry to say dear, but he is either gay or bi-curious. Just because you taught him from the bible and such does not mean he is automatically set to be straight for life. You need to sit down and talk with him about his sexuality, and if he does come out to you, you're going to have to be understanding of him and still accept him as your son, whether or not you accept homosexuality.

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- by [Corpz](#)

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December 29, 2008

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Wow! Woman you must be joking! Your son is 17 as you said, not 5, hes not a little boy anymore. He can have a girlfriend if he wants, you are not the one who can decide!

PLUS- you keep mentioning crap about the bible, but o be honest, you cannot force religion upon your son. If you really were such a good christian you would know that, jesus himself said so.

Seriously, just because you found a magazine in his room, doesnt mean anything. And to assume that a magazine with naked men in it, must belong to a girl, means that you are in denial.

You dont need to run to your pastor, because that proves you are running away from the problem. Talk to your sone, if he has a girlfriend the well done to him. But if hes gay, he is still your son.

P.S- if your pastor decides to judge you, then he isnt living his life according to God.

1 Up Corpz

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- by [Fernando C](#)

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December 27, 2008

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SUPER GAY TO THE RESCUE.... let me take him under my wing, in under a week, no more hiding... and trust, there will be no secret girlfriends to worry about, only "young, professional, goal oriented" guys that he "hangs out" with... no one will be pregnant, also, the bible is just a book... not to knock a religion, but it is what it is...

Sorry if... there are more naked magazines, he STILL doesn't wanna go to church, if he uses condoms (which I'm actually not sorry about) SAFE SEX RULEZ!

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- by [Pretty Girl](#)

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December 24, 2007

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What? I think you mistyped or you're confused. If there was a men's magazine in his room...with naked men in it, then he's homosexual. Sounds like he has a secret "boyfriend". BTW the only guys that have secret girlfriends are they one's who have more than one girlfriend.

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- by [stephen1...](#)

Member since:

March 12, 2008

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268 (Level 2)

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You really need to pull your pretty little hollow head out your ***. Your son is more than likely gay. You better get used to finding the condoms you refuse to teach him about, but has more than likely learned about in school, and lube next.

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- by [My little love is here!!!](#)

Member since:

December 02, 2008

Total points:

1260 (Level 3)

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You found a magazine with naked MEN in it and you think he has a girlfriend???? What are you.....high? If your son is in any kind of relationship it is probably with a man not a woman. Stop being in denial. If your son is gay than you should accept it and move on.

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I doubt he even has a girlfriend, but.....this should be done anyway.

Give him condoms and tell him about safe sex and STD's.

Also, he can follow whatever religion he chooses. If he doesn't want to go to church, you cannot force him.

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- by [nakedrei](#)

Member since:

May 12, 2008

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3238 (Level 4)

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Deny it all you want, Bethany, but he definitely sounds gay to me. And since you have been telling him it is "not in God's plan" I think that explains why he won't go to church. Why go to a church that will not accept him as he sees himself?

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- by [dein 85](#)

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I'm getting deja vu here. I've seen this question before. I highly doubt that your son's 'secret girlfriend' would bring over a magazine of naked men. It's probably his, so you don't have to worry about pregnancy.

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June 27, 2007

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Im guessing the magazine belongs to your son and not some mythical girlfriend. Id sit down and have a chat with him about it.

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- by [3 days suspenssion, didn't d](#)

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July 11, 2008

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Err... Your son could be gay... and if he has a secret girl friend, he is turning 18 soon, you could force him to go to church with you, but this would end badly most likely.

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September 12, 2007

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6796 (Level 5)

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I think you are confused, boys that age usually have magazines with naked women in them, not men.

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- by [Nikki!](#)

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August 18, 2008

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Maybe he is gay? not that there is anything wrong with being gay.Or maybe he does have a girlfriend but he is 17... you shouldnt be that worried about it, and why would u go through his room....

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June 24, 2006

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From one homosexual to the mother of another: Your son is gay.

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Common sense.

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umm i think you are really confused.

Your son is most likely homosexual.. and there is NOTHING wrong with that.

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- by [storyint...](#)

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October 16, 2007

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men get each other pregnant all the time, dont you watch oprah

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- by [kurosaki](#)

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November 09, 2006

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is he checking for tears? ok seriously. theres nothing wrong with sex and condoms. its a very natural instinct that you shouldn't avoid. Are you telling me you had your son through abstinence? besides that. I'm gay. and theres nothing wrong with that. if he's gay, he's gay. if he's not, then he's not. I didn't choose who I fell in love with any more than you did. and if he's having sex. tell him that he should do it safe. OBVIOUSLY your gonna worry about him getting a girl pregnant if he's not allowed to use condoms. and it wouldn't kill you to ask him straight up if he's having sex, or has a girlfriend rather than be some kind of stalker, sneaky, skulker.

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