

Alveda King: Why We Must Live by 1 Corinthians 16 in This Hour

The growing controversies surrounding 1st Amendment religious and freedom of speech rights are reaching fever pitch, now in Atlanta between the mayor and fire chief.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” –First Amendment to the Constitution.

Dr. Alveda King, Pastoral Associate and Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life states: “A current classic example of miscommunication of these truths recently occurred in Atlanta between two beloved and respected leaders: Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran over the seemingly never-ending debate over sexuality.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be bold like men, and be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

These conflicts over religious freedom are not limited to issues of sexuality. For instance, in an ongoing lawsuit against the HHS Mandate, Priests for Life is doing exactly as instructed in 1 Corinthians. Not only is it important to stand firm in the faith, but we must stand up against the limiting of our First Amendment rights. This is especially important when it comes to the harmful effects of contraception, abortion and reproductive rights.

In fact, contraception and abortion have done so much damage

to our nation and world that Priests for Life just last week announced a year-long initiative: "Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion." The initiative seeks to bring healing to everyone impacted by abortion by concentrating on a different segment of the population each month.

"In all matters of conflict, love, dignity, clarity and communication are key, even when viewpoints differ," added King.

"As my uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, 'We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish as fools.'

"My father, Rev. A. D. King, speaking from Acts 17:26, said, 'We are one blood, one human race.'

"From one blood GOD created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall and he determined their boundaries."

Dr. King has posted a developing commentary: It All Started with an Apple which is available at