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Court rules firing her was Okay, not religious discrimination

Note from Pastor Kevin: After reading this article, many may decide they must be more careful to not offend their homosexual coworkers. But all Christians can be sure this is not the attitude Paul the Apostle would have taken.

2 Tim 3:10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. (NKJ)

PHOENIX, April 29, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - An evangelical Christian, fired from her job for asking a subordinate to come to church with her, and for telling her that her homosexuality was a sin, has lost an appeal against her employer. Evelyn Bodett charged that her being fired was an act of religious discrimination; the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday in favor of the defendant, Cox Communications.

Cox said they fired Bodett for anti-homosexual harassment, which is against company policy. Bodett's subordinate, Kelly Carson, raised the issue after accepting a transfer to another city.

Bodett was given a green light to sue her employer based on the judgment of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Bodett's deposition in the suit brought before the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona admitted that she told Carson that homosexuality was a sin, and that if Carson decided to pursue another homosexual relationship after the failure of a previous one, Bodett would be disappointed. Bodett argued that the nature of her comments did not amount to harassment, and that the harassment charge was being used as an excuse for firing her.

Read local coverage: <u>http://www.metnews.com/articles/2004/bod</u> <u>e042704.htm</u>

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