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## Precious Lives

January 22, 1973 is the day when our country stooped to its lowest level as a society, and all morality was "tossed out the window." That was the day when our Supreme Court legalized abortion in this country. Since that time over 20 million unborn children have been slaughtered. That is more than all the personnel that have died in 10 wars. In 1993, alone, we murdered 1.6 million children. Abortion is not just a political issue. It is a vital moral issue. Many "mainline" Protestant groups have taken a "pro-abortion" stance. Those who stand opposed to it, sometimes behave in such a manner as to be lawless themselves and make every moral person alive, look like some kind of "nut!" There is a right way to stand opposed to murder! That is by holding up the standard of righteousness and opening our mouths and being heard!!!

WHY DO ABORTIONS OCCUR? The pro-murder people will tell you that they occur because of rape, incest, birth defects, or to save the life of the mother. Statistically, that is a lie!!! Less than 1% are performed for these reasons. Most abortions (81%) are performed as a means of birth control for unmarried women who conceive!

About 19% of abortions are performed on married women who:

1. DO NOT WANT A CHILD
2. DO NOT WANT ANOTHER CHILD
3. DO NOT WANT A CHILD THAT MAY BE RETARDED OR HANDICAPPED
4. WANT A CHILD OF ANOTHER SEX.

The majority of abortions are performed on white, middle-class women.  
THE BIBLE SAYS THAT ABORTION IS SIN! LET'S CONSIDER WHY.

1. ABORTION IS MURDER! Murder is the unlawful and malicious, premeditated killing of one human by another. This violates Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 5:21,22.

2. ABORTION SHOWS A DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE!

To the abortionist, the unborn child is just a mass of cell tissue to be marketed after harvesting. Many aborted children are sold to various companies for products. The price? Up to \$5500 a pound!! God says that "children are a heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3) and a "blessing" (Ps. 128:3).

3. ABORTION IS SELFISH! We are commanded to "love our neighbor as ourselves" (Matt. 22:39). Many presume that an abortion will hide fornication! Fornication is a sin (1 Cor. 6:9-20; Gal. 5:19).

Many want to commit fornication without accepting the consequences. They kill the baby to "hide" their sin and to avoid the responsibility of parenthood.

4. ABORTION IS "UNNATURAL AFFECTION." Romans 1:31 describes the degenerate are being "without natural affection."

5. ABORTION SHEDS INNOCENT BLOOD! In Proverbs 6:16-19, one of the things listed that God hates is, "hands that shed innocent blood." The murder of children in the womb is very cruel and unusual!! Three common methods used are: 1. Saline 2. Suction & 3. Dissection.

WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO??? Do not heed the advice of the Surgeon General! She has stated that "pro-life Americans need to "get over their love affair with the fetus." We should rather teach and preach God's Word! (Titus 2:4).

The Bible says to (1 Cor. 6:18). Instead we have come to honor and glorify it as "normal!"

We need to "reinvent", popularize and praise virginity until marriage!! (1 Cor. 7:2; Heb. 13:4).

We must lawfully and logically speak out against abortion and all immorality! Isaiah 58:1- "Cry out, spare not to lift your voice like a trumpet and show the people their sins." We must not be a partaker of evil through our silence (Eph. 5:7-11). A return to morality is essential if we are to continue to exist as the God's people. "Righteousness exalts a nation" (Prov. 14:34)

DEUTERONOMY 30:19- " I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO RECORD THIS DAY AGAINST YOU THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSING; THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR SEED SHALL LIVE!"--SWA---

## “A Fool Utters All His Mind”

The wise man of Proverbs 29:11 states it well- “a fool utters all his mind; but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards.” This verse has been paraphrased this way, “ it is better to keep your mouth shut and let people wonder what kind of fool you are than to open your mouth and relieve all doubt.”

Everything does not demand a response nor does it require an answer from the wise.

It may come as a surprise to some but our Lord Jesus did not feel compelled to answer every question that was posed to Him. Every statement made about Him or about what He taught was not necessarily true. He answered much of what He was accused of but there were times when he let His silence speak volumes and allowed the words of the fool uttered toward him to be his greatest condemnation.

In Ecclesiastes 3:7 we read, “A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.” Perhaps one of the greatest challenges we face as the Lord’s servants is maintaining a proper balance in this area of when to speak and when to be quiet. Often we find good and honest brethren feeling compelled to defend themselves regarding every foolish accusation cast there way. Many seem to feel that the Lord’s kingdom will fail, if they do not “get their two cents worth” in on any given issue. Still others open their mouths with the self-righteous sanctimony of the advisers of Job, who had all the answers to his problem. Remember that none of them had it right, but they were all “miserable counselors” and their words were grating to Job.

Deuteronomy 29:29 teaches us that things that are revealed belong to us, but that which is secret belongs to God. Since no one person can claim to be deity, then we all should heed what the writer says and refrain from trying to read God’s mind. We can only preach what we know. We cannot preach and teach that which we suspect or suppose. It is the job of every Christian to take the law of God, and seek to give the “sense and meaning” of the passage (Nehemiah 8:8). It is not our job to inform the world of what we believe. There are some things you might believe that no one needs to know. There may be things you presently do not know, that you need to study about to see what the text says (in the meantime, you do not need to expose brethren to every detail of your unresolved “study). Learn to be quiet.

Several years ago, my dad referred to the antics that go on in many adult Bible classes as a “rehearsal of a mass pooling of ignorance.” I am afraid that not only are many bible classes this way, but much of what many brethren have to say is little more than this.

Brethren there are dangers in the church that we need to be warned about. There is error among us that needs to be exposed, but let us not forget that there is much foolishness out there that needs to be ignored. Let us heed Paul’s warning to Timothy in 1Tim. 1:4, 6, 7- “do not give heed to fables or endless genealogies that minister questions...some have swerved and turned aside to empty chatter...understanding neither what they say nor why they affirm it.” Let us all measure our words and not be fools, but wise in knowing when to speak and when to keep silent. ---SWA---

## **Gentle Sheperd**

Gentle Sheperd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us on our way.  
Gentle Sheperd come and feed us,  
For we need Your strength from day to day.  
There's no other we can turn to Who can help us face another day;  
Gentle Sheperd, come and lead us.  
For we need You to help us find our way.  
(unknown author)

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