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AND THE LAND WAS POLLUTED WITH BLOOD

BY DR. JOHN E. ASHBROOK

My title comes from Psalm 106:38. You will remember, from your Bible, that the Canaanites were so wicked that God commanded Israel to exterminate them from the land. A part of their wickedness was sacrificing their infants to their idols. In due time, because of their toleration of the Canaanites, the Israelites did the same thing. Psalm 106 gives us God's sentence on their behavior.

"Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood...Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against the people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them." Psalm 106:37,38,40,42.

We have no way of knowing how many children Israel sacrificed to Canaanite idols to pollute their land with blood; but, what they did was child's play compared to the magnitude of the abortion holocaust of today. I am convinced that the doom of our nation is sure because of the pollution of our land with the blood of abortion. Since 1973, when the *Roe vs. Wade* case opened the floodgates of abortion, approximately 25,000,000 babies have been killed by abortion. I recently took the *World Almanac* and added up the total casualties of all of our wars, beginning with the Revolution. The

total was 1,008,106. In sixteen years we have killed twenty-five times the number of lives given for our country in all our wars. At the present time there are approximately 5,500 abortion clinics in our nation. If each clinic performs only one abortion per day we will kill over two million babies this year.

THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE

Campus Life Magazine, in 1982, carried this statement: "In this U.S. it is statistically confirmed that the most dangerous place for anyone to be, with regard to the preservation of one's life, is in the womb of one's mother." The number one U.S. killer is not cardio-vascular disease, but abortion.

The God who condemned Israel by saying that her land was polluted by blood must have gross charges against us.

The subject of abortion is so vast and so much has been written

about it that I don't know where to take hold of it. However, let me make two points: I would like to contrast GOD'S REASONS FOR LIFE with MAN'S REASONS FOR DEATH.

1. GOD'S REASONS FOR LIFE.

Secular humanism, the religion of public education, teaches that evolution is the ultimate source of life; that man is the immediate author of life; and that, being the author, man can also be the editor and cut out what he wants. Michael R. Gilstrap, in the "The Phineas Report," says:

"...abortion is an act of religious faith..it affirms a belief in man as ultimate rather than as created in the image of God. It is a commitment to an alien faith that rivals Christianity at the most fundamental levels."

He is correct.

Abortion is a logical outcome of evolutionary thought. The reason we have accepted it as a nation is that our schools have trained a nation to accept it.

Against this evolutionary view let me set forth three reasons God
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FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR CHILD

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs
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Teaching Children to Listen

Listening is an art that has to be developed. We come into this world with the proper tools but without the inclination. Training is difficult in proportion to its importance, making the development of listening skills among the most difficult to master. It would seem on the surface that teaching a child to listen should be a relatively easy matter; after all, the physically normal child comes with a set of receivers and every physically normal parent has a more than satisfactory transmitter. It might be good for us

to recall, at this point, that although Jesus on at least three different occasions, told all the disciples that He must suffer many things, be rejected by the Jewish leaders, be killed, and the third day rise again, the disciples didn't understand a thing that He said. They heard His words but they were not "listening"; they had preconceived ideas that closed their ears to truth. Their own self-concerning ideas about an immediate earthly kingdom with them sitting upon thrones caused them to take the message of truth from the lips of Jesus and decode it to somehow fit their own selfish ideas. This is not listening.

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Editor's Desk

Each day seems to bring some new blasphemy against God; either against Him personally or against His principles and standards that, having been held by our forefathers, made this nation great. The "kinder, gentler nation" that we hear so much about today does not apply to the unborn, nor does it apply to this nation's attitude toward those who would uphold the righteous standards of the Word of God.

Abortion is nothing less than murder in the eyes of God. The national attitude of America towards abortion seems definitely to be moving more towards the "pro-choice" position (which in reality is pro-death), and this seems destined to make it more difficult to influence state and national politicians, who vote the position that will get them re-elected.

God may yet spare America a little longer, but He certainly is under no obligation to. If He does see fit to hold back His hand of judgment, it will certainly be because of His own purpose in grace and not because of any goodness that remains in America.

I, for one, believe the return of the Lord is at hand, even at the door! Even so, come Lord Jesus! □

TRANSITION

On August 20, 1989, Pastor Nelson read his resignation letter to South Sheridan Baptist Church. His resignation will be effective on May 20, 1990, the date of completion of thirty years of ministry as pastor of South Sheridan Baptist Church.

On September 24, 1989, the South Sheridan Baptist Church voted to call Pastor Les Heinze to become pastor. He has accepted the call and will become senior pastor of South Sheridan Baptist Church on May 20, 1990. In the intervening months these two men will work

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together to make an effective transition of leadership.

Praise the Lord, there is a good spirit in the church, and at the beginning of this transitional period, souls are being saved and new families are joining the church. (The Mile-Hi Evangelist, October 1989) □

✦ BOOK REVIEW ✦ By The Editor

Axioms of Separation
By John Ashbrook

"Here I Stand" Books recently published a thirty page booklet by John Ashbrook, whom many, including myself, consider to be the leading spokesman in Fundamentalism today in the area of Biblical Separation. John is the son of another outstanding spokesman for Scriptural separation, the late William Ashbrook, whose book The New Neutralism has been the standard in this field for many years. John Ashbrook has been a pastor for 37 years, most of that spent at his present position as pastor of Bible Community Church in Mentor, Ohio. He is also a leader in the Ohio Bible Fellowship, a fellowship of sound, strong churches in the state of Ohio.

Axioms of Separation is a practical book written in a manner which makes it understandable and useful to the layman as well as the scholar. The five chapters that make up the book are:

CHAPTER I:
-SEPARATION FROM APOSTASY

CHAPTER II:
-SEPARATION FROM DISOBEDIENT BRETHREN

CHAPTER III:
-PRACTICING SEPARATION PRACTICALLY

CHAPTER IV:
-WHAT SEPARATION IS NOT

CHAPTER V:
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The author deals with the areas of separation indicated by each of these chapter titles in a manner that leaves the reader knowledgeable of what the Scriptures have to say on the subject and at the same time supplies ample practical illustrations and personal experiences that add insight into the importance of the subject.

Every pastor should have a copy of this excellent treatise on separation, especially young men just

starting out in the ministry. Many pitfalls can be avoided in the Lord's work by following its practical suggestions.

Laymen would greatly benefit by a copy as well. Single copies are only two dollars; 5 copies are \$1.50 each; 10 copies are \$1.25 each; and 25 or more are only \$1.00 each. The address of "Here I Stand" Books is 8686 Hilltop Drive, Mentor, OH 44060. The above prices include shipping charges.

Fundamentalism desperately needs books of this quality today. We trust that there will be additional books forthcoming in the days ahead, should the Lord tarry, from the pen of our dear brother, John Ashbrook. □

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Worth Repeating

- Give God and not the Devil the benefit of the doubt.
- It is at the Cross I get the power to live the Sermon on the Mount.
- Jesus said that He would be in the midst of two or three gathered in His name, but this does not mean that our Lord does not like to have a larger crowd.
- You and God make a majority in your community.


Bob Jones, Sr., D. D.
(1883-1968)

CHRISTIAN

It is not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it. So it is not the Christian in the world but the world in the Christian that constitutes the danger.


Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.

— J. Wilbur Chapman



Teaching Tips

By Mrs. Doris Peppard



THE DAY CARE ZONE

The zone often neglected or overlooked is the A.M. and P.M. Day Care in a Christian School. I have had my students write "thank-you" notes to the lunchroom ladies, janitor, and other staff members to point out the people behind the scenes, but never have I given notice to those who work with my students before or after school. I think these folks need some recognition, and here are a few ideas to aid their valuable service in Christian ministries.

The A.M. Teacher has the responsibility to help those arriving early to wake-up, get breakfast, and sometimes put "finishing touches" upon our students. Those early-birds need a place to play quietly. Soft music would be inviting and hymns would give these youngsters the atmosphere for devotions. You could provide a time when those who are able to read could meditate or ponder a verse written on the chalkboard. This early morning teacher has a wonderful opportunity to set the tone of the day in many young lives.

The P.M. Teacher's responsibility should be met with vigor and anticipation - not a dull dread of the afternoon's activities and clock watching. First of all, recognize the opportunities the Lord has given to you. One of the roles you provide is that of "Mama." When mothers get their children after school they usually talk about the school day and tell what they did and learned. Our afternoon day care students need this outlet as well. If you have a planned seat assignment with a definite place for each child and his/her belongings, this "talk time" can be well organized and enjoyable for children and the teacher. A bathroom break and snack-time are also necessary. This afternoon time cannot be successful if the teacher is just wanting to sit and keep the children from killing each other. She needs to be constantly thinking and one step ahead. The play time

needs to be balanced with in-door, out-door time and also balanced with directed and free play time. The key to a successful afternoon day care is in the planning.

IDEAS:

Indoor Activities:

- Lego Day
- Puzzle Day
- Cut-Outs (Paper dolls for girls; a neighborhood with roads and buildings for boys.
- Board Games
- Puppet Shows
- Circus Stunts

Outdoor Activities:

- (Organize Into Tournaments)
- Bean Bag Toss Games
- Jumping Ropes
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- Skating
- Horseshoes
- Tetherball
- Olympic Events
- Animal Walks

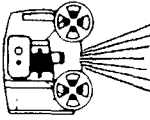
I think it would be a good idea to keep a "lesson-plan" book with ideas and suggestions for each week. Write down what worked and what did not. Really strive to make the afternoon enjoyable for your children.

When the children's parents come to get their children, they will be pleased to see the games or activities being done. This service should be done with the right attitude so the parents will be glad their children are in your Christian School and happy that you are the one caring for their kids while they are at work.

One other responsibility is to make sure the parents are greeted enthusiastically. Try to make a constructive comment about each child to his/her parents at least once a week.

Consider your position at the school an opportunity to witness. If parents come upset, discouraged, depressed or with any other need obvious to you, a word of encouragement or simply an offer to pray for them will be much appreciated. The Church minister would be glad for referrals for visitation night as well. Your role as afternoon day care teacher certainly will keep you busy but can bring great blessings as you watch "your kids" grow up and know you played such an important role in their lives. □

★ There is nothing truly great in any man—except character. ★



FOCUS ON RELIGION

By Tod Brainard

Heritage of God

When considering the abortion issue one's thoughts are drawn to the reality of this terrible offense toward God. The fact that life is snuffed out is indeed a heinous sin, but the audacity of mankind to rise above God, in defiance of His authority to take that life which God has given for social or birth control reasons is an abomination. God cannot nor will He tolerate the total rejection of His divine law concerning the value of life, His direct creation.

Value of Life

The giving of life and the taking of life is God's business. If children are withheld it is because God withholds them. (Genesis 30:2). If children come into this world it is because God gives them. (Genesis 33:5). Life is a divine gift and when man meddles in God's affairs he is sure to call down upon himself judgment.

As a sidelight, it is interesting to note that the pagan physician Hippocrates who lived 400 years before the birth of Christ understood the value of life. He writes in his now famous oath, "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; furthermore, I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce abortion." (Corpus Hippocraticum).

Although it is not required, this oath is still taken today by some graduating medical students. It is also of interest to note that of the approximately 300,000 physicians in America today only about 3 percent provide abortions to their patients. (2/88 Calvary Contender) It grieves the heart to see the fruition of a "wicked and adulterous generation" who have no fear of a Holy and Righteous God.

Heritage and a Reward

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Psalm 127:3

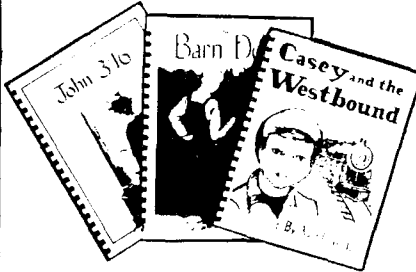
The phrase "heritage of the Lord" seems to imply not only that children are given by God, but more importantly that children belong to God. They are His. The Psalmist

continues by stating that "the fruit of the womb is his reward" or a reward of God. Children are the blessing of God. They are His wonderful creation. Surely the wrath of God is kindled against the people who murder and destroy His very creation and blessing.

Charles Spurgeon wrote in his commentary on the Psalms, "where society is rightly ordered children are regarded, not as an incumbrance, but as an inheritance; and they are received, not with regret, but as a reward."

Our society is far from being "rightly ordered". We have stepped into the age of lawlessness in regard to God's purpose and design. How long will God be merciful? To what length will His long-suffering extend? We do not know the time of judgment upon America, but we do know that judgment will come. It is sure! Proverbs 24:11-12:

"If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we know it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth the soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his work?"



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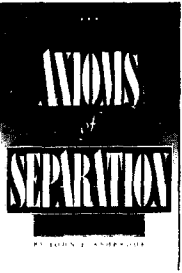
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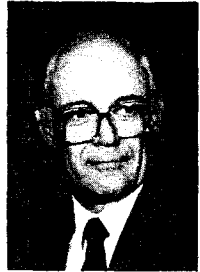
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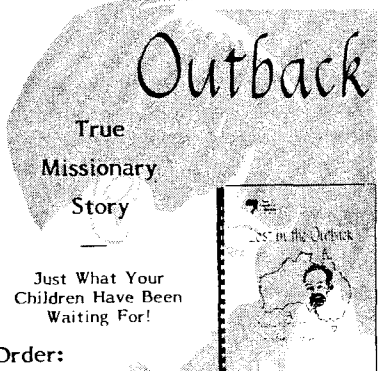
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gives for protecting life.

A. God is the Giver of Life.
Genesis 2:7 tells us:

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul."

Since that initial gift of life, God has ordained that human life be passed from generation to generation by the process of reproduction. But, we are still compelled to recognize the truth of Genesis 2:7 that God is the giver of life. Job expressed the truth of that when God had taken away all of his family. As he sorrowed over the lives of his loved ones, he observed, "...The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away..." Job 2:21. Not only is God the giver of life, but:

THE LIBERAL BLIND SPOT

B. God is the Protector of Life. After Noah exited the ark God blessed him and made a statement to him about human life:

"And surely your blood of your lives will I require: at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Genesis 9:5,6

Because life is a divine gift made in the image of God, God protected life with capital punishment. The liberal citizen of today cannot see what is wrong with abortion or what is right about capital punishment. His blind spot is the same on both issues. He does not see that man was made in the image of God. His humanistic education denies that God is the giver and protector of life.

C. God Recognizes the Child in the Womb as Human Life.

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou has covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Psalm 139:13,14

In those words David wrote about his existence as an unborn baby. It is obvious that the Bible

recognized the unborn David as a human person whose development in the womb was under the superintendence of God.

GOD DEALS WITH AN UNBORN BABY

In the first chapter of his prophecy Jeremiah had something to say about his call:

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

That verse tells the history of the prophet from the time of conception. God said three things about the unborn Jeremiah which could only be said of a person. God said: "I knew thee...I sanctified thee...I ordained thee." In the eyes of God that developing infant was a person.

John the Baptist was a six-month term baby in the womb of his mother when Elisabeth went to visit Mary who had recently conceived by the Holy Spirit. Luke recorded the following:

"And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost...For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy." Luke 1:41,44

Under the stimulus of the Holy Spirit the infant John reacted with joy to the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. At that moment Jesus was a one-month term baby in the womb of his mother. It was a dramatic demonstration that God recognizes the child in the womb as human life. Notice that Elisabeth said, "The babe leaped in my womb..." She did not say, "The little fetus leaped in my womb." NO. Elisabeth knew and believed what any Bible-believer knows and believes - that the baby in the womb is a little person.

NEVER SAY BABY

Abortionists never talk about an unborn baby. They always talk about a "fetus." The Methodist Board of Social Action, which defends abortion, says: "The fetus is not a person, but rather tissue with the potentiality, in most cases, for becoming a person."

No expectant mother ever rushed home from the doctor to announce the good news to her husband by saying, "the doctor says that I have within me "tissue with the potentiality, in most cases, for becoming a person." No, she says "Honey, we are going to have a baby."

I don't usually agree with what I read on T-shirts. However, I see expectant mothers wearing T-shirts which have an arrow pointing downward to the bulge, simply stating, "BABY". In that case the T-shirt makes a far more accurate statement than most teachers.

In our hospitals doctors determine whether or not death has occurred by measuring heart function and brain waves. At four weeks we are able to determine heart function in the unborn and at eight weeks, brain waves. If those are evidence of human life in a person of any other age, why are they not conclusive for the unborn person?

Thus far we have thought about GOD'S REASONS FOR LIFE. Let's turn the coin over and consider:

II. MAN'S REASONS FOR DEATH. As we consider this subject I want you to notice a basic truth. The reasons for life are all divine reasons. The reasons for death are all human reasons.

First of all: A. A Woman Has a Right to Choose. What do people call the anti-abortion movement? It is correctly called, "The pro-life movement." What do people call the pro-abortion movement? It is incorrectly called, "The pro-choice movement." Logically it should be, "The pro-death movement."

We are living in the age of rights. God always deals in responsibilities, not rights. Rights always smack of man's own self-will and that is the issue here. Before a woman has sexual relations, she has a right to choose. But, when she chooses to have those relations, she chooses to face the possibility that a body which is not her own may be formed inside her.

MARY AND THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

God planted in the virgin Mary a body which was not her own.

How would it sound to you had Mary said, "I have a right to my own body, and I don't want the encumbrance of that baby. I will terminate it." Put in the mouth of

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News of Interest to Fundamentalists

(The use of quotations or information from various magazines or periodicals does not mean that the Editor endorses these publications.)

Abortion Reform Fails in Florida.

The first major test of the Webster abortion case never made it past committee in the Florida State Legislature.

Governor Bob Martinez had put together a four-fold proposal concerning abortion that would:

1. Provide protection of all viable babies.
2. Require the mother to be informed of fetal development.
3. Call for stronger abortion clinic regulations. (At this time in the State of Florida, abortion clinic regulations are not as stringent as the regulations on barber shops and veterinary clinics.)
4. Restrict the use of public funds, facilities, and employees to abortions that are deemed necessary to save a mother's life.

The pro-choice (pro-death) dominated committee rejected all four proposals and adjourned the legislative special session.

The Supreme Court's Abortion Agenda

There are three major cases facing the Supreme Court that center around the abortion issue.

Two of the three cases deal with parental notification when a teen becomes pregnant. In Hodgson vs. Minnesota the Supreme Court will decide whether the State of Michigan can constitutionally require that both parents be notified of a teenager's pregnancy, even though the parents are divorced.

Licensing standards for abortion clinics are the issues being faced in the third case. Most pro-choicers claim that the restrictions will prevent or limit accessibility by some women seeking abortions. Turncock vs. Ragsdale may give other states the impetus to move for more restrictions on clinics if the case is ruled in favor of clinical regulations.

(Information from Christianity Today 10/6/89)

Legalized Homicide

The word "abort" means to "give up." The word "abortion" is falsely used in describing the murdering of the unborn. When their lives are snuffed out in the name of maternal rights, they are stolen, not aborted, and that's murder.

-R. Dennis Warren
(The Gospel Truth, Inc.)

Abortion Facts & Myths

Pro-abortionists have been in "panic mode" in recent months raising the specter of coat-hanger abortions and women dying in back alleys if abortion is ruled illegal again. NBC presented a Roe vs. Wade TV propaganda film May 15, followed by a Tom Brokaw "special" where he lost his cool and displayed a pro-abortion bias. It is a myth that deaths from illegal abortions were 5,000 a year before 1973 Roe vs. Wade. In 1972, 39 women died from illegal abortions (6/5 New Amer.). Rape accounts for less than 2 percent of abortions. A recent survey revealed that over 95 percent of abortions were performed for social reasons, or birth control (3/89 CVN). Abortion rates are soaring in China and the Soviet Union bloc where abortion is a main means of birth control. But a recent U.N. report showed U.S. teens with the highest pregnancy and abortion rates of any developed country (4/23 Parade). We are "pro-choice", but the choice must be made before conception. We think a woman should have control over her body—over passions leading to conception. After conception, the right-to-life of another person must be considered.

-Calvary Contender

PAST GIANTS OF THE FAITH DID SO

Bishop J.C. Ryle- "Controversy in religion is a hateful thing. It is hard enough to fight the Devil, the world, and the flesh, without private differences in our own camp. But there is one thing which is even worse than controversy, and that is false doctrine tolerated, allowed and permitted without protest or molestation."

Charles H. Spurgeon- "Nothing has succeeded better than preaching out boldly what I have believed and standing to it in defiance of all opposition, and never caring a snap of the fingers whether it offended or whether it pleased."

G. Campbell Morgan- "I am often told today that what the church needs in order to succeed is to catch the spirit of the age. I reply that the church succeeds only in proportion as she corrects the spirit of the age."

Dr. Harry A. Ironside- "If it be objected that exposure of error necessitates unkind reflection upon others who do not see as we do, our answer is, it has always been the duty of every loyal servant of Christ to warn against any teaching that would make Him less precious... Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking, and therefore more dangerous. God hates such a mixture, and calls for definite exposure and repudiation. To condone such is to be unfaithful to God and His Word, and treacherous to imperiled souls, for whom Christ died."

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Mary, that sounds heinous.

But, it would have been no more wrong for her than for any other woman who stands on her "right" of choice.

A woman has no right to choose to kill her next door neighbor.

The life of that neighbor is made in the image of God, and she will be accused of murder if she chooses to murder that person. God did not say to Sarah or Elisabeth, "You have a right to choose whether or not you want to bear a child in your old age."

He did not say to Mary, "You have a right to choose whether or not you will bear this child under a cloud of difficult circumstances."

A woman has a perfect right to the moral choice of controlling her body before she conceives a child. She loses that right when God creates a person within her.

B. It Is Better for an Unwanted Child Not to be Born. This is an argument of the abortion movement. Some of you who read these lines were unwanted children. Do you agree that it would have been better if you had not been born? That is merely a selfish argument, as was the one about choice.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a former abortionist who repented of his deeds, has well said: "If a fetus is carried to term it will be unwanted only for the nine months between conception and birth. It need never be unwanted because of the hopeless shortage of babies available for the long list of childless couples who earnestly want to adopt them."

In our society today there is no such thing as an unwanted baby. Somebody wants it. One of the most callous statements I have read on this subject was made by Geraldine Ferraro when arguing that it is cheaper for the government to pay for abortions than for welfare: "The cost of putting an unwanted child through the system far outweighs the cost of these procedures." (abortion) "It is a simple matter of economics. Unwanted children so often end up in the criminal justice systems...it is very expensive to take care of them.

C. Abortion Is Necessary in Cases of Rape, Incest, Deformities and Preserving the Life of the Mother. The pro-death forces love to use this argument to get their opponents to say that abortion is

right under some circumstances.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, the recently-retired Surgeon General said:

"When doctors are willing to become social executioners for millions of babies, we must examine what motives are needed to justify their actions. Usually, reasons given include preserving the life of the mother, the expectations of a defective child, rape and incest. Even if these were valid reasons, they would account for only 3% of all abortions. A full 97% of abortions occur for matters of convenience and economy...The fact of the matter is that abortion as a necessity to save the life of the mother is so rare as to be nonexistent."

German measles are known to be a cause of birth deformities. However, deformities occur in only 10% of the cases.

AN EMPTY ARGUMENT

D. If We Do Not Have Legal Abortions We Will Return to Dangerous Illegal Abortions. Sinful man loves to use this type of argument. How many times have you heard someone say, "We dare not forbid alcohol or we will return to the days of prohibition and its awful abuses." There were abuses under prohibition, for man is sinful. However, there were thousands of deaths caused by drunken drivers or millions of man hours lost in industry due to drunkenness. The abuse was infinitesimal when compared to the excesses of license.

The pro-abortion forces love to say, "If Roe vs. Wade is reversed, we will return to the bloody days of coat-hanger abortions." In 1963, before Roe vs. Wade there were 275 deaths attributable to abortions, 161 of those deaths occurred due to legal abortions of one kind or another. Only 114 of those deaths occurred as a result of "coat hanger abortions."

Compare those 114 deaths, over the course of a full year, with the 4,100 deaths which have happened every day during Roe vs. Wade. Furthermore, the 114 women who died made a personal decision to take the risk of an abortion. The 4,100 per day had no such privilege.

THE REAL REASON

E. An Abortion is Necessary to Cover My Sin. There are no statistics; but, this has always been, and still is, the major reason for abortion. Young people desire to hide

an immoral affair from their parents. Parents seek to hide the shame of an illegitimate child from the community. Wives seek to hide their adultery from their husbands. These are the major causes of abortion. What is God's way of dealing with sin? Confess it. Be forgiven.

Forsake it. Man's way of dealing with sin is, "Hide it." David and Bathsheba sought to do that and it blighted their lives. Man's procedure always blights lives.

Christian, if your family is faced with the prospect of a child out of wedlock, face it, insist that it be confessed. You will be on Scriptural ground and the Lord's people will see you through the situation.

Let me repeat. The reasons for life are all divine reasons. The reasons for death are all human reasons. They can only be swallowed by a nation which has given up its Bible, and, with it, its morality.

There is a furor of hope today among pro-life people that Roe vs. Wade will be overturned by the Supreme Court. Don't hold your breath. I don't expect that. If the Court does anything positive it will probably remand the matter to the States. The pro-death forces are poised for an onslaught on state legislatures if this should happen.

In 1967 the Gallup Poll stated that only 21% of Americans approved abortion on maternal preference. In 1969, only two years later 40% considered it solely a matter between a mother and her physician. If the matter were put to a referendum today I would not be surprised if pro-death would win over pro-life.

The moral decline of a nation, educated to humanism, is like a roller coaster plunge.

CAN MOTHERS KILL WITHOUT REMORSE?

In recent months Dr. Koop said that there is no evidence that having an abortion is psychologically damaging. I have always insisted that the woman who has an abortion is going to have turmoil all her life with the thought, "I killed my baby." When I first read Koop's statement I said, "Everett, you are wrong."

However, the more I think about it, I am not sure. The humanism taught in our schools has so desensitized the human conscience that millions can have abortions without qualms. Humanism has so

desensitized the Communist world that it accepts the murder of millions without conscience. Our educational system has done it, too. What is the state of a society which, in the same year, adopted three million Cabbage Patch dolls and killed 1.6 million babies?

I believe that God would say to America today, as He said to Israel of old:

"You shed innocent blood, even the blood of your sons and daughters...and the land is polluted with blood."

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Listening involves (1) submission, (2) attention, (3) concentration, (4) evaluation, (5) assimilation (make part and parcel of one's being), and (6) determination.

1) Submission - The listener is a learner and a learner must have a submissive attitude. Submission to parents' spoken word (voice obedience) is the first and most important lesson for the young child to learn and is the basis for most of the rest of the training the child will receive.

2) Attention - The submissive child must be taught to give its undivided attention to the instruction given.

3) Concentration - Prolonged attention is basically concentration. A child's attention span is not very long, therefore, we should not expect nor require them to listen intently for too long a period to begin with. The ability to concentrate for longer periods should increase with age.

4) Evaluation - As our children grow, the ability to evaluate what they have heard or read (for giving our attention to the written page becomes a vital part of the learning process as children become proficient in reading) becomes important. Discernment is vital for a Christian in a world that cries for our attention.

5) Assimilation - (to incorporate, the act of making a part of one's being). Having evaluated what

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we have listened to, (spoken or written) the child must learn to incorporate principles learned which square with the Word of God into its everyday life.

6) Determination - Using what we have listened to to make decisions in life is the end result of learning to listen. Truth received must become truth in practice, and error discerned must be avoided and denounced.

Deut. 5:1 "...Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them."

Pointers to Aid in Teaching Children to Listen

Some things to remember when teaching children to listen:

1) Give clear instructions and insist upon complete compliance, even in the smallest detail.

2) Don't let them play with something while you are talking to them. Insist that they sit up and look you in the eye.

3) Don't teach or give instructions until you are sure you have their attention.

4) Require accountability from your children for what you have told them.

5) Don't accept excuses such as, "I didn't hear you" or "I didn't know you were talking to me."

6) Don't always be talking in their ears. Too much talk is confusing to them and will make them believe that what you have to say to them is not too important anyway.

7. The time to be the toughest in seeing that your instructions are carried out is the first time they fail to do what you say.

It Takes Time

Take the time to teach your children to listen. It will be a tremendous benefit to your child throughout life. Don't get weary and give up. Remember, "in due season you will reap, if you faint not." Fainting is the one thing that you must not do. Just because fruit is not harvested immediately does not mean that it will not be forthcoming. The longer the process of ripening, the sweeter and more precious the fruit. Patience and perseverance are the success twins of child rearing.

Next Issue:

- Training to Voice Obedience
- Development of Self-Control
- Making Work Pleasant

AN EARNEST PLEA CONCERNING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Text: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

It is with grief that often when I visit a church, the singing is so rapid it is a trial for me to merely keep up the pace of pronouncing the words. While it is a sad thing to "drag" a song, its message is sacrificed on the altar of such a flippant, half-hearted, yes, even a disinterested attitude. It is obvious that such singing springs from a mere compliance to form: they sing because it is an expected part of the service. Let grace transform it.

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