

# CHANGE

## Change:

- Christian's attitudes and actions concerning abortion...
- The fate of millions of babies and women...
- The current and future culture of death...
- God's judgments against America and 1<sup>st</sup> World Nations...

**C:** **Confess** our lukewarmness regarding the slaughter of millions of babies, and the devastation of millions of teen girls and women by legalized abortion.  
**Care** enough<sup>i</sup> to defend abortions victims and our culture (nation/Church) from blood guiltness<sup>ii</sup> by sins of commission<sup>iii</sup> and omission<sup>iv</sup>.  
**Conform** to scripture's emphasis on this<sup>v</sup> and other important topics as well as Christ's example and commands to judge righteously<sup>vi</sup> and rescue<sup>vii</sup> the most needy<sup>viii</sup>.

**H:** **Help** one another to become Good Samaritans in words and deeds.  
**Have** compassion enough to stop and find ways to render appropriate aid<sup>ix</sup>.  
**Heal** those wounded by abortion by speaking the truth in love<sup>x</sup> and ending the cycle of silent suffering<sup>xi</sup>.

**A:** **Ask** God for great mercy<sup>xii</sup> and grace<sup>xiii</sup> for the preborn, ourselves and others.  
**Act** as the salt of the earth<sup>xiv</sup> and the light of the world.<sup>xv</sup>  
**Add** to our faith<sup>xvi</sup> such love and good deeds that people will glorify God on behalf of our activism.

**N:** **Now** is the time<sup>xvii</sup> to fully engage the culture of death<sup>xviii</sup>.  
**Neither** fear<sup>xix</sup> nor faint but rather exercise our most holy faith.  
**Never**, never, never, never give up<sup>xx</sup> or give in<sup>xxi</sup>.

**G:** **Give** Christ good reason to turn from judgment<sup>xxii</sup> and restore His blessings<sup>xxiii</sup>.  
**Great** acts of faith<sup>xxiv</sup> please the Lord.  
**God** can make us more than conquerors<sup>xxv</sup>.

**E:** **Endure** hardship as good soldiers<sup>xxvi</sup> of the gospel, expecting resistance and willing to pay the cost of discipleship<sup>xxvii</sup>.  
**Enter** into the sufferings of Christ<sup>xxviii</sup> over the aborting of a billion of His least brothers<sup>xxix</sup>.  
**Embrace** our cross daily that the power of Christ's can fully shine, overcoming the global eclipse cast by the shadow of the culture of death.

# Pro-life Advocacy Ideas

## Within Church:

### 1. Pro-life Bible study

- a. Thorough study of scriptures relating to: *shedding of innocent blood, loving one's neighbor, being salt and light in society.*
- b. Renewed understanding of Old and New Testament warnings of temporal and eternal judgments for those practicing or tolerating<sup>xxx</sup> the holocaust of abortion.

### 2. Pro-life preaching and teaching

- a. Institute regularly scheduled<sup>xxxii</sup> education and motivation instruction based on the scriptural emphasis on this topic.

### 3. Pro-life prayer and strategy sessions

- a. Encourage ongoing prayers of repentance<sup>xxxii</sup> and intercession appropriate<sup>xxxiii</sup> to the issue.

### 4. Pro-life evangelism

- a. Offer pro-life apologetics training to equip congregation to confront culture of death in their spheres of influence.

### 5. Pro-life political involvement

- a. Educate church as to their privilege and responsibility to vote for righteousness<sup>xxxiv</sup>, particularly in areas clearly delineated in scripture<sup>xxxv</sup> and church history.

### 6. Post abortion counseling

- a. Familiarize congregation with various options for private and confidential post abortion counseling services<sup>xxxvi</sup>.

### 7. Purity training for teens and adults

- a. Provide cutting edge quality purity training for adults, parents and teens to lead church "*not into temptation*"<sup>xxxvii</sup> and strengthen commitment to all aspects of purity<sup>xxxviii</sup>.

### 8. Develop and resource pro-life committee

- a. Enlist wisest of church to participate in and oversee pro-life education and advocacy within the church.
  - i. Create seamless pro-life education from children's church through teen and adult programs.
  - ii. Foster fervent yet balanced prayer and activism on behalf of the pre-born, teens, women and society placed at risk by abortion.
- b. Develop pro-life community outreaches dealing with local and global needs.
- c. ***Investigate abortifacient implications<sup>xxxix</sup> of frequently used contraceptives including birth control pills, IUD's, implants, patches, etc...***
- d. Reveal upcoming threats posed by continued expansion and normalization of the culture of death within society including: *euthanasia, clone and kill stem cell research and unethical bio-technologies.*
- e. Network with local churches to establish similar pro-life support in other churches. Advocate for appropriate and unified pro-life support within denomination.

## **Public Pro-life Activities:**

### **1. Sidewalk counseling**

- a. Legal “free speech” outreach to those entering an abortion clinic by offering caring pro-life encouragement, educational materials, alternatives and prayer.

### **2. Pregnancy Care centers support**

- a. Direct financial and/or volunteer support.
- b. Provide resources such as maternity and baby clothes, formula and food, pre-natal medical attention and aftercare.
- c. Ongoing support such as parenting classes, family counseling, etc...

### **3. Support best RTL organizations**

- a. Join or start local efforts to engage the culture of death.
- b. Participate or organize activities such as:
  - i. Monthly educational publications and/or eNewsletters.
  - ii. Websites and/or library of pro-life information.
  - iii. Editorial and/or letter writing campaigns.
  - iv. Speaking opportunities in churches, schools and organizations.
  - v. Literature distribution at community events such as fairs and conferences.
- c. Support best statewide and national pro-life efforts.

### **4. Literature distribution**

- a. Participate or organize large pro-life and/or purity neighborhood literature drops on doorsteps.
- b. Inserts into local publications and newspapers.

### **5. Pro-life witnessing**

- a. Learn and teach how and when to use the pro-life message as a witnessing tool when appropriate.

### **6. Media influence**

- a. Earned media opportunities
  - i. Roe vs. Wade memorials.
  - ii. Abortion providers in the news.
  - iii. New pro-life studies and statistics.
  - iv. Political pro-life political opportunities.
  - v. Large protests or rallies.
- b. Purchased media exposure
  - i. Print, radio and television.
  - ii. Internet and video productions.
  - iii. Teaching series and sermons.

### **7. Protests and rally's**

- a. Develop or participate in local pro-life events as opportunities present themselves
- b. Participate and/or support large statewide and national pro-life events.

### **8. Voter education and encouragement**

- a. Educate congregation on platform or political parties and organizations.
- b. Teach necessary biblical based political involvement.
- c. Register voters (*after education efforts*).
- d. Identify and stress the importance of pro-life political opportunities.

## 9. Influence or replace political representatives

- a. Distribute pro-life voter guides for all political offices including national, state and local.
- b. Encourage and support pro-life candidates at all levels of government.

## 10. Purity training for teens and adults

- a. Support the best in abstinence education for teens.
- b. Make use of modern technology and multi-media opportunities.
- c. Enlist teens as presenters and spokespersons for pro-life and purity outreaches.

## 11. Sphere of influence

- a. Offer training and resource to equip saints to confront the culture of death in their extended families, friendships, professional life, clubs and organizations, etc...

## 12. Expose coming temptations and threats

- a. Identify and expose the next wave of temptations abortion and the culture of death will spawn including euthanasia, clone and kill stem cell research and immersing unethical bio-technologies.

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<sup>i</sup> In Jesus' treatment of the [Good Samaritan](#) it is likely the Priest and the Pharisee had some level of compassion for the man left half dead. While they were likely pro-safe travel and anti-robbery, still they failed to care enough to render appropriate aid. Hurrying on their way to perhaps fulfill religious duties they were likely unaware doing so had placed their very salvation at risk.

<sup>ii</sup> See QC article "[The Good Samaritan](#)" and TT article "[Abortion Changes Everything](#)."

<sup>iii</sup> According to AGI 70% of women clinically abortion their children identify themselves as Christian.

<sup>iv</sup> Jn 4:17. God's judgment against the good we fail to do is given equal weight in scripture as sins of commission. See the "[True Vine](#)" (Jn 15:1-8), the "[Sheep and the Goats](#)" (Mat 25:31-46) and QC articles "[Living Faith](#)" and the "[Ten Virgins](#)."

<sup>v</sup> See QC series "[Abortion and Other Topics](#)"

<sup>vi</sup> Jn 7:24 suggest even those who believe they are doing God service can err in judgment, See Jesus' warning on camel and gnats (Mat 23:24). If abortion is a "gnat" rightly marginalized by the church, it is the Godzilla of gnats swallowing over a billion preborn and counting...

<sup>vii</sup> Ps 24:11-12. *Deliver those who are drawn towards death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not he who weighs the hearts considerate? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?*

<sup>viii</sup> Mat 25:31-46. Note language "*least of these my brothers.*" Clearly the aborted preborn qualify as the "least of the least."

<sup>ix</sup> Note the level of aid Jesus uses as the standard for what is appropriate in the [Good Samaritan](#). Had the man chosen simply stop and offer sympathy and/or only render immediate aid he too would have fallen short. Rather he does this, *and* diverts his journey *and* personally cares for the victim *and* pays for professional help *and* promises to return to pay any additional costs required.

<sup>x</sup> Eph 4:11-16. The churches silence on abortions will not lift the 30,000,000 post abortive women in American out of their pit of sin and despair.

<sup>xi</sup> Continued silence is clearly an ineffective strategy from keeping the next generation from being victimized by abortion.

<sup>xii</sup> Forgiveness for the pinnacle sin of mankind and the greatest betrayal of God and man since the crucifixion of Christ.

<sup>xiii</sup> The power to change even the chief of sinners (1 Tim 1:15) into the greatest of apostles (1 Cor 15:8-10).

<sup>xiv</sup> Mat. 5:13-16. Notice *we are held responsible* for the "earth" and "world" not simply ourselves. Jesus warns that should we fail in our preservative role within culture and society we are "*good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under the feet of men.*"

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<sup>xv</sup> Here Jesus reiterates that *we are*, not that *we may become*, the light of the world. We are all the light the world has and if the light in us be darkness, how great that darkness (Mat.6:22-23).

<sup>xvi</sup> See 2 Peter 1:5-11 and QC article "[Additions to Faith](#)."

<sup>xvii</sup> The Church has had it in its power to end abortion every day, 365 days a year, for 35 years by simply sending 1% of its membership to "picnic" in front of the abortion "clinics." God will not wink at our continual excuses. While individual churches cannot end abortion, they can all do far more than they currently are.

<sup>xviii</sup> Our timorous "contract with death" has metastasized both in quantity and quality. Every day churches delay engaging our culture in this area weakens us all. Given the deadly threats of abortion, clone and kill stem cell research, euthanasia, and emerging bio-technologies every church should the alarm for "*if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?*" (1 Cor 14:8)

<sup>xix</sup> 2 Tim 1:7. We are not to fear man but God (Mt 10:28). See also QC article "[Jesus on Fear](#)."

<sup>xx</sup> Winston Churchill

<sup>xxi</sup> "Never give in, never give in, never; never; never; never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense" Winston Churchill

<sup>xxii</sup> "*Now, therefore,*" says the LORD, "*Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.*" So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him ... (Joel 2:12-14)

<sup>xxiii</sup> "*Repent therefore...that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*" (Acts 3:19)

<sup>xxiv</sup> See examples of in Mat 8:5-13 and Mat 15:21-28.

<sup>xxv</sup> Though the price for doing so may be heavy, the reward will be glorious. (Rom 8: 31-39)

<sup>xxvi</sup> 2 Tim 2:3-7

<sup>xxvii</sup> See Lk 14:25-33 and Mk 9:36-37

<sup>xxviii</sup> "*I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God*" (Col 1:24-25)

<sup>xxix</sup> "*...Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 'for I was hungry...I was thirsty...I was a stranger..., sick and in prison and you did not help me.' Then they will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when...?' Then He will answer them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to **one of the least of these, you did not do it unto Me.**'"* (Mt 25: 41-45)

<sup>xxx</sup> See Jesus' warnings including "*The Sheep and Goats*" judgment and the "*Good Samaritan*."

<sup>xxxi</sup> Will some response is better than none, and more better than less, an appropriate response to the nearly ubiquitous saturation of the culture of death and the means by which it escalates would necessarily be vigorous.

<sup>xxxii</sup> Unfortunately, this mode of prayer is nearly a lost art within the church. What better time for a comeback?

<sup>xxxiii</sup> "*The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (James 5:16-18). Perhaps greater quantity and quality of intercession is needed to be effective against institutionalized abortion.

<sup>xxxiv</sup> Both the scriptural rewards for doing so and the penalties for failure.

<sup>xxxv</sup> Such as unquestionable areas of morality, ethics and justice.

<sup>xxxvi</sup> Offered by all Crises Pregnancy Centers and many other pro-life organizations.

<sup>xxxvii</sup> A significant portion of the Lord's Prayer deals with this issue. Perhaps our teaching and preaching should reflect as much.

<sup>xxxviii</sup> In this area an ounce of prevention may save a life many times over.

<sup>xxxix</sup> This is a vital area of for pro-life education that is currently ignored by well over 90% of Christian churches and organizations, including most pro-life groups. See Randy Alcorn's book, "[Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortions](#)" and Life Issues Institute article, "[Abortifacients](#)."