

# Who Put the Sanctity in the Sanctity of Human Life?

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**Open:** Have you ever had any conversations with others about abortion (or other sanctity of human life issues)? How did the conversations go?

**Read:** Psalm 139:13-16.

**Discuss:**

1. List all the things this psalm tells us about God's role in our creation.
2. How would you describe the level of intentionality in God's creation of our bodies? In God's planning of our days?
3. Since all this is true, how should it impact each of the following:
  - a. Our attitude towards God? (*Consider the psalmist's response in v. 14 and later in v. 23-24*)
  - b. Our view of ourselves?
  - c. The way we think of other people?

**Read:** Proverbs 24:10-12.

**Discuss:**

4. In verse 11, what are God's people called to do? How does this relate to the issue of abortion?
5. Verse 12 warns against claiming ignorance of a widely known evil as an excuse for inaction. What are some of the excuses or reasons we give for not being more involved in seeking justice for others such as unborn children? Are any of these excuses or reasons valid before God?
6. What is the appropriate level of involvement for Christians in issues such as abortion?
7. As we engage in social issues like abortion, why is it important to remember the following:
  - a. People have value primarily because each person was made by God in His image.
  - b. As Christians, each of us is a sinner saved by grace through faith, not works.
  - c. The Gospel is the only true means of lasting hope for the world.

**Apply:** Review the list of ways given on Sunday to stand for the sanctity of human life (see next page). Can you think of other ways? How should your level of involvement on issues regarding the sanctity of human life (especially abortion) change? What will you do to make sure this happens?

**Pray:** Ask God to have mercy on our nation and world for the injustices committed against Him and the pinnacle of His creation. Ask God to show you how you might stand for the sanctity of human life.

## 20 Ways to Support the Sanctity of Human Life

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1. **Learn** about pro-life issues (Like "abort73" on Facebook. Visit *heartlink.org*)
2. **Avoid** even entertaining the possibility of abortion
3. **Give** to pro-life causes (LifeLight, 2919 Bechelli #A, Redding, CA 96002)
4. **Donate** baby clothes and supplies (Use designated bin in our church foyer)
5. **Pray** for our nation—and for other nations
6. **Write** to your leaders in government
7. **Keep** informed of pro-life legislation and **vote** in view of the sanctity of life
8. **Listen** to the stories of those impacted by abortion
9. **Speak** to others about the truth regarding life and abortion
10. **Testify** of your own experiences
11. **Encourage** newly pregnant women in the value of their child
12. **Volunteer** at a local pregnancy center (LifeLight: 222-5200)
13. **Assist** young or un-wed mothers who are in need of help
14. **Counsel** those who are struggling with issues of abortion and **connect** those considering abortion with pro-life resources
15. **Stand** outside abortion clinics and talk with those going in
16. **Adopt** or **foster** a child (Contact Health & Human Services)
17. **Financially assist** people you know who would like to adopt a child
18. **Wear** pro-life clothing/ gear to start conversations and to help keep yourself and others mindful of the issue (*abort73.com/gear* or *prolifeworld.com*)
19. **Teach** your children about the value of human life
20. **Share** the life-giving Gospel of Christ with a broken world