

Developing A New Strategy In The Fight Against Abortion



1. Why are abortions now accepted?

- Complacency (apathy)
- Carnal Christians - Not providing "light" to society
- Fear of criticism - The fear of man is a "snare"
- The belief that morality is not to be legislated
- People have no idea how to make an effective impact
- A defeatist attitude - The task is too great so why even try?
- A lack of reverence for the sexual union - I Thes. 4
- Seared / dead consciences
- Use of "new" terms such as "fetus" or "not viable tissue mass"
- People forget that abortion is a result of a long process

2. To form an effective strategy we must be able to counteract the underlying "reasons", attitudes, and philosophies which support the entire realm of the abortion issue. These then will be what we need to "cast down" recognizing that they exalt "themselves against the knowledge of Christ" *What are these "reasons"?*

A. The **DEVALUING** of human life - Christians must demonstrate the opposite - the cherishing of the lives of others.

- Dangers of the theory of Evolution
- The need for the demonstration of I Cor. 13 love (Evidences of placing value on others)

B. **Convenience** - Lives built around the wrong priorities - Christians must not be guilty of building lives around convenience - Mat. 6:19-24

C. Personal **RIGHTS** - The woman's body therefore her right to choose - Christians not to form their life focus on the pursuit of their own rights - I Cor. 6:20

D. **UNCHERISHED** children - Children are now viewed as inconveniences or as resource-robbers - Christians must demonstrate a view of children as invaluable investments - Psa. 127:3-5

E. **Immorality** - As morals decline so also does control which leads society to form "escapes" from the responsibility of its' actions... thus abortion. Now more than ever, believers must demonstrate sure self-control (especially men). - Rom. 6-7

F. **Fear of responsibility** - Actions, especially those which lead to children, take a lot of work. Society wants to have its "cake" without having to make it or worry about the dietary consequences. Christians must demonstrate a spirit of diligence recognizing that God rewards faithful service with more responsibility. Christians cannot afford a lazy approach to God-given responsibilities. - Psa. 12:1; Pro. 20:6; Mt. 25:23

G. Money (finances) - "We don't have enough money for a child." The god of modern society is money and whatever requires its' sacrifice is considered foolish by those of this day. Christians must not worship at the feet of finances but fully believe ..."But my God shall supply all your need...".

H. The fear of commitment in MEN - A woman may justify an abortion seeing that the father wants nothing to do with a child. The church needs to see men making commitments and taking on spiritual leadership once again! (commitments need to be based upon conviction)- Pro. 4:25-27

I. The breakdown of family love \ unity \ support - Without solid, loving support of a family, the thought of having a child can be frightening. Christians have no room for family disharmony. If we cannot sustain family love, how is the world to handle family life? - Eph. 5-6

J. Disregard for the existence of God - When the thought of God is left out of life's decisions, sin can be the only outcome. David, in the Psalms, described the wicked as not having God "...in all their thoughts." Therefore, the fear of the LORD must be the driving force behind the church. - Ps. 10:4

K. Redefining QUALITY of life - Man has become so "godlike" in his perspective, he has taken it upon himself to redefine what is a good life and what is bad. Many of those who are handicapped today can quickly disprove this notion. Christians must not be caught in the trap of defining the quality of life bases upon man's definitions, but consistently upon God's and His alone! - II Cor. 12

L. Misinformation (medical \ social \ spiritual) - Many abortions take place as a result of not being acquainted with all the facts. Christians must not succumb to the practice of making "knowledge" or "education" the primary consultant in their lives. Instead, God's Word must be the premise from which is designed all the philosophies of life, then knowledge and education can be compared to it before decisions are made. Today, this is crucial - Col. 2 (Beware!)

M. The belief in OVERPOPLULATION - It has actually become a good moral act to abort a child with the belief you are doing society a favor in helping with the overpopulation "crisis". Christians cannot afford to take facts and figures at face value anymore. If Satan can stop the church from reproducing, he has achieved much! - Psa. 127:3-5`

N. The misconception that child conception is strictly a biological process - It becomes easier to abort a child when it is only viewed as a biological happening. The love Believers exhibit to children must be started while the child is still in the womb. We must always treat the child as a child! - Jer. 1:5 \ John the Baptist \ Christ \ we cannot take credit ourselves

O. The life of the mother is threatened - This is probably the most difficult argument for abortion to counteract. First of all, if abortion was not an option, new methods of action could and would be created. Second, Christians cannot bend in the area of situational ethics. It is difficult to handle at times, but our lives are truly in the hands of God, not the doctors. If Rebekah had aborted Benjamin, we then would not have the Apostle Paul. "The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD". It is true, we must do what can be done, but not overriding God's commands. - Pro. 3:5-6

P. Pregnancy as a result of rape or incest - In politics this is the big "copout". Yet this incident still does not make the child guilty of anything. Christians must not fall prey to this either. It should amaze us that God can bring something so wonderful, out of something so horrible. Christians must also trace the origin of such acts back to things such as pornography. If Christian men cannot control their thoughts and eyes, how can we criticize the world for going a step further? - Rom. 2:1, I Thes. 4:4-5

Q. Fear of PAIN - It may be believed by some that the pain of childbirth is so bad that they would opt for an abortion. This is not true. The pain which accompanies an abortion goes far beyond the physical. Christians have the responsibility to demonstrate the benefits of pain and suffering, as well as taking on personal fears. Pain is a necessary ingredient to a successful life and facing fears is a must. - Rom. 8:28-29

R. The mother is only a TEENAGER and is unable to handle the responsibility - This seems, on the outside, to be a moral reason for having an abortion. Again, the origin of such situations is found in the lack of moral disciplines in society. Yet having a teenager remove the consequences of their actions leads only to a stronger hunger for it. Today, Christian teenagers have a greater responsibility to demonstrate purity than ever. Just because society loosens its standards is clearly not reasons for Christians to loosen theirs. Heb. 12; Mat. 5:16

S. Personal SHAME - Abortion can often be an option to hide sin. Christians have become so professional at hiding sin that they are unable to deal with the progressive sins in society. The only answer is found in openness, transparency, and integrity. - James 5:16

T. Failure to see or be shown the value / benefits of other options - There is a great deal of joy in raising a child as well as a lot of work. Yet if done correctly, the rewards are far greater. There is also a great deal of joy to be had in the adopting of a child. If a young woman facing abortion is informed of this information, the outcome will be different. The church must be ready to deal with these circumstances. If there is a single mother, the church must demonstrate a heart of ministry to her. Condemnation will only worsen the problem! - Gal. 6:1-3; II Tim. 2:25