

Abortion: The Wrong Solution for a Serious Problem (part four of four)

In our previous segment, we began to consider the Biblical alternative to the foolishness of political activism as a solution to the problem of abortion. It involves persuasion, in fulfillment of Ephesians 4:15. But talk is not enough. Persuasion must be supported by godly action, namely, provision.

Parameter #5: Persuasion and Provision (Galatians 6:10; James 1:27)

Here is how the loving outreach of persuasion can make a positive and lasting impact upon the problem of abortion. It must be supplemented by provision. Two texts of New Testament Scripture speak loud and clear in that regard. They are Galatians 6:10 and James 1:27, where we read the following –

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

Do you think James, or God for that matter, would disapprove if we extended that visitation to a woman facing a life crisis due to an unexpected pregnancy? She certainly would qualify under the heading of “all people” in Galatians 6:10! So here is exactly how we can maximize our persuasion by adding some provision. What if every single local pro-life church in America were to take it upon themselves to reach out to at least one woman a year, in order to persuade her away from an abortion, so that she would give birth and life to her unborn baby? And then, what if they promised to cover all her medical expenses as she gave birth and life to her child? Just imagine if that had been occurring since 1973? How many abortions could have been prevented from then until now?

For those who would argue that such a yearly expense would be prohibitive for most local church budgets, I will close with some good news/bad news humor. The chairman of a local church board stood up in a meeting one Sunday and announced the following: “I have good news and bad news! The good news is that there is plenty of money in our congregation to cover the cost of this new project. The bad news is that the money is still in all of our wallets and purses! Persuasion and provision: the right solution to the serious problem of abortion.