

Leave Life and Death in God's Hands

Introduction:

- True or False: God has determined your day of death and there is nothing you or anyone can do to change it.
 1. Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira shortened their life because they l_____.
 2. Ex 4:24-26 – After God chose Moses to deliver His people from Egyptian slavery, He sought to k_____ Moses for refusing to circumcise his son.
 3. Gen 4:1-15 – Cain killed his r_____ brother, Abel.
 4. Gen 4:23,24 – Lamech killed a man for injuring him and a boy for s_____ him.
 5. Gen 9:6 – God set the penalty for taking a person's life – d_____
- Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday
 1. Christians must p_____ the sanctity of human life.
 2. Christians must r_____ life from conception to death.

A _____ takes life out of God's hands

- The faulty argument of freedom of choice
 1. Freedom of choice does not mean freedom to choose anything one desires.
 - a. The choice to s_____ - our society punishes those making this choice because it violates the victim's rights.
 - b. The choice to drive d_____ - our society punishes those making this choice because it threatens others' rights.
 - c. The choice to k_____ - our society punishes those making this choice because it violates the victim's rights.
 2. The ninth article of the Bill of Rights:
 - a. Quoted: *the enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.*
 - b. Meaning – No one is to insist on their own rights at the expense of another person's rights.
- The faulty argument of “less than human” or “not a person”
 1. These are based on mere c_____
 - a. S_____ was justified by the claim that blacks were subhuman.
 - b. Hitler's killing of the J_____ was justified by his claim that they were subhuman.
 - c. Abortion has been justified by such false claims.
 2. Webster's dictionary defines a p_____ as a human being regarded as an individual

3. The Declaration of Independence states that it is self-evident that all have been endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are l____, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- What must Christians do to leave life in the hands of God aside from personal choice?
 1. V_____ for legislation that promotes and protects life of the unborn.
 2. Vote for politicians who promote and protect the life of the unborn (this should be more i_____ than any other issue).

E_____ takes death out of God's hands

- We must not p_____ God when it comes to death.
 1. Rom 14:9 - Jesus is L_____ of the living and the dead.
 2. Rev 1:18 - Jesus holds the k_____ of death.
- Case Study #1 – a man is dying of a terminal illness; financial bills are piling up; he wants to get the dying process over.
- Case Study #2 – Living wills and the “Do not resuscitate” clause and the “no extraordinary measures” clause.
- Case Study #3 – In 1990 Terry Schiavo became in a vegetative state but needed no artificial means to keep her alive. After 10 years, the decision was made to end her life by depriving her of food and water. She died a violent death (it took her 13 days to die). Jesus said in Matt 25:42-45: *I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat: I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink...; to the extent you did not do it to the least of these, you did not do it to Me.*
- Case Study #4 – 19 year-old Terry Wallis had a car accident that paralyzed him from the waist down and put him in a vegetative state. He needed no artificial means of life support. 19 years later he WOKE UP. Today his brain functions normally! Jesus said in Matt 25:35-40: *I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat: I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink...; to the extent you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me.*

Conclusion:

Life must be r_____ and p_____ from the moment of conception until the moment of death.