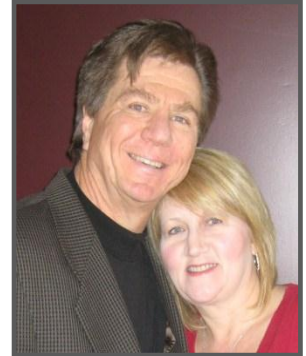


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Proverbs 6:16 and 17 *"There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood."*

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. Matthew 25: 44-46 *"Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of thee, you did not do it to Me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*



Do we proclaim that God has given us authority over darkness and the works of the devil? Do we understand that authority must be exercised beyond the walls of our church building? Do we comprehend God's standard of judgment in Matthew 25:44-46? These were not sins of commission, but of omission.

He did not accuse them of causing or contributing to their poverty, nakedness, sickness or putting them in jail. But, knowing their condition, they did not physically present themselves for acts of intervention. How much more does God expect us to intervene--not just object--to the shedding of innocent blood?

Frances Schaeffer said "Every abortion clinic in American ought to have a sign over its door which reads, *Open by Permission of the Churches in this Area*. Almost 40 years of politicking has done little to save unborn lives. Yet, the abortion industry cannot tolerate a loving presence in front of their doors, pleading for the lives of the unborn and their mothers and fathers.

Over 600 clinics have closed down during the last 20 years. Through government and political intervention? No--but, rather, because gentle warriors bore witness of what was being done on the inside of those buildings.

Think of it--no abortuary anywhere has a sign outside which reads **Abortions Done Here**. Instead they use *Women's Clinic, Family Planning*, etc. In no case does the doctor's name hang outside for perspective "patients" to see. Can you think of any other business that does not

clearly says, "*this is what we do here*"? Most medical establishments proudly proclaim who their doctors are. In fact, if you call a physician's office and ask who the doctor is, they are more than willing to tell you. Not so with the abortion business. So, this means that they have left it to us to do their advertising--to say what they are doing and who is doing it--bringing salt and light.

The Bible teaches us that "Where sin abounds, graces does much more abound". In a day of weak "grace", could it be that the consciousness of sin is so low that real grace is almost irrelevant in people's minds? Again, we are the voices called to make it relevant.

Consider this--there is no record of genuine historical revival where the most obvious sin and human wickedness was not addressed--child labor, oppressive government, prohibition, slavery, prejudice, etc. These things must be identified at the point of commission, not just in the safe harbor of our churches. We must go and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom to the least of these. Like the folks in Matthew 25, we know where they are and what they are doing. It's our job to expose it that redemption may come!

As we are believing for a move of God, we must remember the sin issue afresh. Martin Luther said this, "If I profess Christ clearly and boldly, yet have not professed him where the devil is raging, I have not professed Him."

The sanctify of life issue trumps all other human injustice because there can be no redemption, repair or healing of the murdered and dismembered child. If the value of those who are judicially innocent cannot be protected, then the value of life for all is compromised. When we live in a pro-death culture, our message that Jesus gave His life for us is being blurred.

It's up to the Church to make a clear and physically present position on abortion--We need to be in agreement with God. The hands that shed innocent blood and the hands of those who ignore it look a lot alike from His throne.

Love All of You,

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