

On Deck – The Next Generation

Sanctity of Life Sunday (January 2026)

Children are one-third of our population and all of our future.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Missing Children

Guttmacher Institute: Generally considered the most complete estimate of the abortion population and statistics.

Gen Z (Currently 13-28 years old) are 68,000,000

U.S. We are missing 63,000,000 people in the US.

WE wiped out a number of people that is equal to an entire generation.

Doctors, Lawyers, Architects, Engineers, Sons, Daughters, Artists, Ballerinas, Coaches, Counselors, Mayors, Moms, Dads, aunts, uncles, Builders, Teachers.

WHAT ABOUT RAPE?!

LESS THAN 1% of abortions are a result of rape.

Two wrongs don't make a right

Products Of Rape

Layne Beachley

Mother was 17 when she migrated from Scotland to Sydney, Australia

Seven-time World Champion Surfer

Frederick Douglass

was an American social reformer, *abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman*. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, *gaining note for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings.*

Valerie Gatto

Miss Pennsylvania 2014 - "Something bad happened to me. A very bad man hurt me, but God gave me you."

Ethel Waters

Famed **blues** and **jazz** singer who was *the second African American ever nominated for an Academy Award*

She was also an actress, author and gospel singer – His Eye Is On The Sparrow

God overrode and redeemed sin to get you here!

Abnormalities - Yvonne

Reasons

Guttmacher Institute, CDC-related analyses, and peer-reviewed studies

95% of abortions are sought for reasons such as:

- Financial Restraints
- Timing of life circumstances (Convenience)
- Relationship Factors
- Educational or Career considerations

What if they are born into a less-than-advantageous situation?

MOSES – born into a time of killing, slavery, put in a basket and sent down the river. Grew up in Pharaoh's palace (worldly) yet preserved and used to set God's people free.

Taking a life is in no way preserving it.

If God made them, He will provide for them.

Birds of the air "***If you want to see God provide, have kids.***"

OVERPOPULATION

Overpopulated Count Map

U.S. Map

If we give each person a square 5 feet x 5 feet as an average.

- 8 Billion people x 25 Sq Ft = About 7,174 Sq Miles
- About the same size as the state of New Jersey
- The smallest of the Great Lakes is Lake Ontario with 7,320 Sq Miles of surface area. So if you waited for a really cold winter for the surface to freeze over, you could do it there.

It's just a fetus or embryo – a clump of cells.

Terminology

Fetus and embryo

Picture of growth scale

"Like infant, toddler, and adolescent are terms that describe different phases of human life, the same is true for terms like embryo and fetus."

Fetus: Latin word that loosely translated means offspring, young one or little child.

Just a fetus is the same as saying just a toddler.

"In the objective scientific sense... a one-week-old fetus looks exactly like a human is supposed to look at 1 week of conception."

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When Does Life Begin?

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Baby Growth Scale

- 18 days The heart is forming and eyes are being developed
- 21 days Heart is actively pumping blood throughout the body
- 28 days Arms and legs are developing
- 30 days (4+ weeks) He or she has a brain and has multiplied in size 10,000x
- 35 days (5 weeks) mouth ears and nose are taking shape
- 45 days (6 weeks) Brain waves can be recorded, and a heartbeat which began 3 weeks earlier, can be detected. Skeleton has formed and her brain is controlling the movements of muscles and organs.

This is when the majority of women begin to realize they are pregnant

- 45 days: Only 1/30th of an ounce it has all the internal organs of the adult in various stages of development.
- 8 weeks Hands and feet are almost perfectly formed
- 9 weeks A child will bend fingers around an object placed in the palm
 Perfected somersault, backflip and scissor kicks.

All this happens in the first trimester

In the remaining six months in the womb, nothing new develops or begins functioning. The fully intact child only grows and matures

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Frank Pavone When someone is pregnant, she is not “expecting a child” – she has one. She is not “going to be a mother” – she already is a mother... If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children, we have to change the way we talk about them.

Our nation is split almost in half – Idaho leading the way with the most stringent and strict laws in place to guard the life of the pre-born. However, the brightest light is the one the enemy will want to extinguish.

Taking a soft stance... is not an option.

Proverbs 25:26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.

Falter: to pause, hesitate or waver

BIBLE

Proverbs 17:6a Children's children are the crown of old men,
The quiet rewards – it's not luck.

Eternal Value

Psalm 139: 13 & 16 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

- *Creating something eternal – a bun in the oven, a soul in the womb.*
- You are raising and shaping something (someone) that will live forever.
- You are holding in your hands the unfinished work of God that you are now part of.

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today. - Stacia Tauscher

Are we leading them with fear or with faith?

ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

- Heritage – Inheritance (Better than silver, gold, & real estate are children from the Lord.)
- Arrows and Bows – (Arrows go where the bow aims) (Aim your kids)(Gentle parenting)
Frederick Douglas – It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.
- Quiver 9+ = How many kids should you have? (One more)
- **Enemy in the gates (Public place of meeting and judgment)**
Last chance to beg for mercy or to try negotiating surrender.

Leading (DO IT) Already lead (Teach it)

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Casual & Consistent - Because it's easy, it's easy not to do it.

Wisdom vs. Entertainment (Memories)

History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children.
Nelson Mandela

Don't grow weary, and don't think little of little actions

Train up a child

Children need models more than they need critics – Joseph Joubert

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. James Baldwin

ADOPTED BY THE FATHER THROUGH CHRIST

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” – **Mark 10**, picked them up and blessed them.

FAITH OF A CHILD

Matthew 18:3 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

- Dances and sings over you
- Puts His name upon you
- Has an inheritance for you

Lighthouse

Children are one-third of our population and all of our future.

Psalm 139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.