

### If you want to send a parent reeling, just mistreat one of their kids.



# A good parent gets offended when their child is mis-treated or dis-respected.

### The Sanctity of Life

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26 NIV

### Every human being is made in the image of God.

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them

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The Unborn & The Born

### I stand on the side of the oppressed, the marginalized, the helpless, defenseless, and powerless.

God

If you take your neighbor's cloak as security for a loan, you must return it before sunset.

#### Exodus 22:26 NLT

This coat may be the only blanket your neighbor has. How can a person sleep without it? If you do not return it and your neighbor cries out to me for help, then I will hear, for I am merciful.

Exodus 22:27 NLT

"In a lawsuit, you must not deny justice to the poor.

#### Exodus 23:6 NLT

Be sure never to charge anyone falsely with evil. Never sentence an innocent or blameless person to death, for I never declare a guilty person to be innocent.

#### Exodus 23:7 NLT

"Take no bribes, for a bribe makes you ignore something that you clearly see. A bribe makes even a righteous person twist the truth.

#### Exodus 23:8 NLT

You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly.

#### Deuteronomy 16:19 NLT

Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You must not oppress foreigners. You know what it's like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

#### Exodus 23:9 NLT

"Never take advantage of poor and destitute laborers, whether they are fellow Israelites or foreigners living in your towns.

#### Deuteronomy 24:14 NLT

You must pay them their wages each day before sunset because they are poor and are counting on it. If you don't, they might cry out to the Lord against you, and it would be counted against you as sin.

Deuteronomy 24:15 NLT

"True justice must be given to foreigners living among you and to orphans, and you must never accept a widow's garment as security for her debt.

#### Deuteronomy 24:17 NLT

Always remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God redeemed you from your slavery. That is why I have given you this command.

#### Deuteronomy 24:18 NLT

# God's standards don't always sound American...but they do always sound like God.

## God is offended when those made in the image of God are mis-treated and offended.

"I hate all your show and pretense the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies. I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings.

#### Amos 5:21-22 NLT

Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

#### **Amos 5:23 NLT**

Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.

#### **Amos 5:24 NLT**

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

## Those who are made in the image of God are to be shown the Love of God.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be,

Romans 13:9 NIV

are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

# The cross is a reminder that God loves me, and that God loves those I struggle to love.