

Abortion / Birth Control / Adoption / Fertility Issues

- 1) What is abortion?
 - 2) What are the common reasons given for allowing abortion?
 - 3) How do those who advocate abortion try to justify it from the Bible?
 - 4) Why is human life valuable?
 - 5) What is the origin of human life and at what point does that life begin?
 - 6) What is the difference between abortion and infanticide? Medically? Morally?
 - 7) Explain Exodus 21:22
 - 8) What is the origin of handicaps?
 - 9) Do handicaps or “quality of life” issues change the value of human life according to God?
 - 10) Medically, when could a pregnancy actually place a mother’s life at risk of death?
 - 11) What are the options in an ectopic pregnancy?
 - 12) How does God want us to respond to those that: A) Have had an abortion (take into account the differences between a woman who willingly had an abortion, a woman who was pressured into having an abortion, a woman who was forced to have an abortion, a father who advocated the abortion, a father who was indifferent to the abortion, a father who tried to prevent the abortion). B) That have lost a child / grandchild due to abortion. C) Advocate Abortion. D) Have a severe handicap / have severe suffering or are taking care of someone with either.
 - 13) What is a proper Biblical response to a spontaneous miscarriage?
 - 14) Are there Biblically justifiable reasons for a couple to delay having children? For planning how many children to have? To avoid having children at all?
 - 15) What contraceptive methods rely on **preventing** conception? Which methods seek to either avoid the pregnancy or disrupt the pregnancy **after** conception? What are the moral ramifications of each?
 - 16) What are the Biblical / moral concerns about each of the following fertility treatments / methods of gaining a child: 1) Treatment using Vitamins, dietary supplements, hormones, medications. 2) Corrective Surgery. 3) Artificial insemination (IUI). 4) In Vitro Fertilization & Implantation (IVF). 5. Adoption of & implantation of frozen embryos. 6) Surrogate parents (implantation into a surrogate mother or use of donor egg or donor sperm.
 - 17) What is adoption? Why are the vast majority of abortion advocates against it? How is adoption a God honoring solution to multiple problems
 - 18) From the positive standpoint, what practical considerations should be taken into account before adopting a child? From the negative standpoint, what dangers exist in adoption?
- Case 1: A “Bible student” claims that a woman has a right to abort her unborn baby because a fetus is a living organism connected to the mothers body by the umbilical cord and not a living soul until the baby takes its first breath of air. Genesis 2:7 is used to justify this position because man did not become a living soul until God breathed into him the breath of life.
- Case 2: A woman calls you distraught from finding out she has an ectopic pregnancy. How will you advise her?
- Case 3: In counseling a couple you find out that one of the issues in their marriage is that she had an abortion without his knowledge. How will you help her with her guilt? How will you respond if she

does not acknowledge guilt and instead seeks to justify herself? How will you help him with his anger?

Case 4: What involvement should the church have in the ongoing political battles over abortion

Case 5: You are giving premarital counseling to a couple and are now dealing with the issue of contraception. What advice can you give them concerning 1) Family planning and 2) Types of contraception.

Case 6: A couple comes to you for counseling concerning having children. They want children but have been unsuccessful for five years. They have been diligent in praying for a child. They are now wondering what other efforts they should make.

Case 7: A couple comes to you for counseling because they are considering adoption as a solution to their infertility. What advice can you give them so that they can pursue this so that it will be a God honoring blessing to everyone? What questions will you ask to make sure they are ready for such a responsibility, are aware of the difficulties that can arise in adoption and can handle them?