

This "clump of cells"
is human life
with a soul, a name
and a purpose on earth.

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ABORTION STATISTICS:

- Since the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on Roe v. Wade, 62,502,904 unborn fetuses have been terminated*
- Abortions fell below 1 million a year in 2013*
- There were 18.3% abortions for every 100 pregnancies ending in live birth or abortion in 2016*
- A loss of 122 [abortion] facilities from 2008 to 2017 was accompanied by a decline of 346,280 abortions*
- In 2019, Planned Parenthood's total assets and liabilities totaled over \$4.7 million**
- From 2019-2020, 395,000 unintended pregnancies were averted by contraceptive services***

Shedding Innocent Blood

If you love them, let them live

It is the central question in the abortion debate: when does life begin?

Science teaches without reservation that life begins at fertilization (conception). It is a scientific fact that an organism exists after fertilization that did not exist before. This new organism has its own DNA distinct from the mother and father, meaning that it is a unique person. As the embryo grows, it develops a heartbeat (**22 days after fertilization**), its own circulatory system, and its own organs. From fertilization, it is a new organism that is alive and will continue to grow and develop as long as nutrition is provided and its life is not ended through violence or illness.*

The word *abortion* does not appear in Scripture. God addressed the sanctity of life in the Sixth Commandment (Exodus 20:13). This commandment applies to every stage of development. Contrary to schools of thought (even among some so-called Christians), abortion is not a matter of personal conviction. Poverty, disability, and the mother's mental health are difficult circumstances, but they should not be factors that determine whether a child lives or dies.

*<https://www.liveaction.org/news/life-begins-at-conception-science-teaches/>

Statistics:

*<https://christianliferesources.com/2021/01/19/u-s-abortion-statistics-by-year-1973-current/>
**https://www.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/db/c1/dbc160ea-4201-42f7-aa26-831eb0a7c113/ppfa_final_fs_fy_2019.pdf
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Even in tragic cases of rape and incest, unborn life is still protected by the Constitution and the law of God. Crisis intervention can take on many forms, abortion need not be one of them.

Consider ways you could help end abortion:

- Volunteer/donate to a local pro-life foundation
- Organize/join an awareness group
- Participate in peaceful protests against Planned Parenthood and other pro-choice organizations
- Counsel teens and women dealing with unplanned pregnancies
- Run for office to directly influence the passing of biblical legislation
- Adopt a child

“BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU; AND BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I SANCTIFIED YOU, AND I ORDAINED YOU A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS.”

- God
Jeremiah 1:5 (MEV)

March 2018: Mississippi passed a law banning all abortions after 15 weeks, with exceptions for medical emergencies and significant fetus abnormalities. Lower courts blocked the ban, citing past Supreme Court rulings, and they now seek to further challenge "whether states are permitted to ban abortions before a fetus can survive outside the womb."

April 2021: The Arizona Republican Legislator passed a pro-life bill. The bill was then signed by Gov. Doug Ducey on April 27, making it a felony to discriminately kill a fetus solely based on genetic disorders.

May 2021: Texas Gov. Greg Abbot signed a fetal heartbeat bill that criminalizes abortion procedures six weeks into pregnancy. The bill is set to become law in September this year.

May 2021: The Supreme Court of the United States will hear an abortion case from Jackson Women's Health Organization that could overturn the Roe v. Wade decision allowing women to terminate their pregnancy. Proceedings are expected to begin in fall 2021 and conclude in summer 2022.

Information on this page is from the following sources:

- <https://bigviewsmallwindow.com/politics/f/my-kind-of-sanctuary-city>
- <https://www.charismanews.com/us/85548-all-across-america-states-are-challenging-abortion-laws>



IF YOU LOVE THEM
DISCIPLINE THEM

All of Proverbs is available to us for knowledge (to know), wisdom (to apply) and understanding (to know why you're applying).

The guardian of a child is the keeper of their soul. God commands us to treat little ones with care and respect. Verses **6** and **15** of Proverbs 22 deal with parental guidance, responsibilities and expectations from God's point of view.

Verse 6 (NKJV): **Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.**

It's time for a theology check. For too long, this verse has been removed from its original context and interpreted as God promising to keep kids saved if parents "raise them in church." But this verse does not say children are saved because parents make them attend weekly meetings or go through religious ceremonies. *Train* is an action word. This verse charges parents (not Sunday school teachers) with spiritually preparing, equipping and disciplining their children.

Read the verses before and after verse 6: "Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; he who **guards** his soul will be far from them" (Prov. 22:5; NKJV) and "the rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7; NKJV). So, we see between the pressures of perversion and the oppression of wealthy elites, parents are to wage war against the culture and contend for the soul of their children. Instruct them in God's ways, leading them into a personal relationship with Him at the earliest age possible.



DISCIPLINE

FROM THE HEART
BEFORE THE HAND.

The promise of Prov. 22:6 is for when the child matures into adulthood and takes on the world firsthand. As they **continue** in God's ways, **roots** will go down deep and the child will not depart from the spiritual training passed on to them by their parents.

Verse 15: A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away.

Physical discipline needn't constantly be associated with corporal punishment. Sometimes the age, temperament and situation may warrant spanking or paddling. At other times, a child may literally need your hand to physically guide them away from wrong things or pull them out of danger.

Restrained physical discipline is better than verbal abuse. Yelling and chastising can lead to long term psychological damage and wound a child's soul. A parent should never - not even jokingly - say to a child, "I'm going to kill you" or "I hate you." If you're that angry, you should consider disciplining them once your blood pressure goes down. Also, parents should initiate age appropriate conversations and reaffirm acceptance despite poor behavior. If discipline communicates to a child that they are less loved, you're doing it wrong.

Punishment differs from discipline in a subtle yet important way. Punishment deals with *assigning consequences* while discipline focuses on changing habits, thoughts and behaviors. Taking away electronics or canceling a trip are examples of appropriate forms of punishment. However, silent treatments, leaving a child alone in a room for long periods, or excluding them from "family time" are forms of emotional abuse. Emotional abuse creates cycles of dysfunction and rejection. Punishment should not inflict unnecessary shame or guilt, as this can lead to resentment and rebellion on the part of the child.

Remember, you're the adult. It's your responsibility to control yourself and be mindful with discipline methods. Your children trust you more than anyone. The identity you are forming is permanent. If children don't sense love and acceptance from their parents, they will search for it in the world.



BEFORE SENDING THEM BACK TO SCHOOL

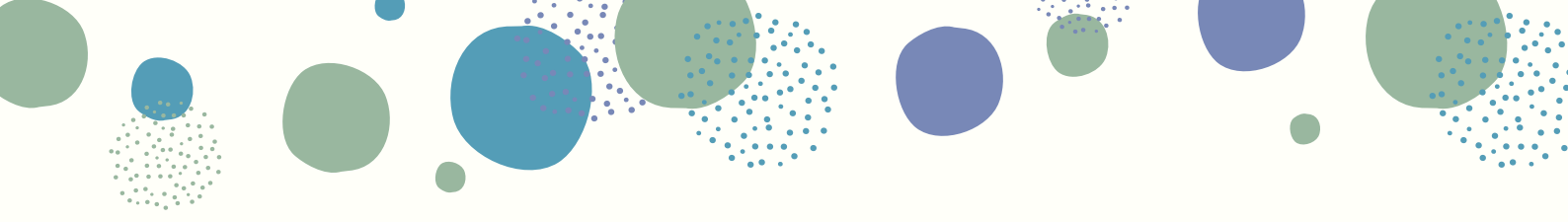
IF YOU LOVE THEM, EDUCATE THEM

In 2019, the National Center for Education Statistics released a report on School Choice*:

- Between 2000 and 2016:
 - Traditional public school enrollment increased to 47.3 million (or by 1%)
 - This is still a drop from 74% in 1999 to 69% in 2016*
 - Charter school enrollment grew by to 3.0 million (from 0.4 million)
 - **Homeschool enrollment students nearly doubled to 1.7 million**
 - Private school enrollment fell 4% (to 5.8 million)
- In fall 2016:
 - A higher percentage of charter students were enrolled in high-poverty schools
 - More public school students than private school students lived in one-parent households or had parents whose highest education level was less than a HS diploma/GED or some college
 - Of the 5.8 million private school students in 2015, 76% attended religious schools
- Characteristics of homeschooled students in 2016:
 - Homeschooling was more prevalent among students in rural areas than in suburban areas; was also more prevalent among households with three or more children
 - Concerns about school environment drove the choice to homeschool (cited by 34% of families surveyed), followed by dissatisfaction with instruction (17%), and a desire for religious instruction (16%)
 - Concerns included safety, drugs, or negative peer pressure**

*<https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2019/2019106.pdf>

**<https://hslida.org/post/federal-report-homeschooling-doubled-in-last-20-years>



In 2021, the National Home Education Research Institute published findings for homeschool students compared to public school students*:

- **Reasons and motivations** (for home education):
 - customize/individualize the curriculum and learning environment of reach child
 - accomplish more academically than in schools
 - use alternative teaching approaches
 - enhance family relationships between children and parents and among siblings
 - provide guided and reasoned social interactions with peers and adults
 - provide a safer environment children and youth
 - teach and impart a particular set of values, beliefs, and worldview to children and youth
- **Academic performance:**
 - home-educated students typically score 15 to 30 percentile points above public-school students on standardized academic achievement tests
 - 78% of peer-reviewed studies on academic achievement showed homeschool students perform statistically significantly better than in institutional schools
 - home school students score above average on achievement tests regardless of parents' level of formal education or family household income
 - degree of state control and regulation of homeschooling is not related to academic achievement
 - home-educated students typically score above average on SAT and ACT tests that colleges consider for admissions
 - homeschool students are increasingly being actively recruited by colleges
- **Social, emotional, and psychological development** (socialization):
 - 87% of peer-reviewed studies show homeschool students perform statistically significantly better than those in convention schools
 - homeschool students are regularly engaged in social and educational activities outside their homes and with people other than their nuclear-family members
- **Success in adulthood:**
 - 69% of peer-reviewed studies on success into adulthood (including college) show adults who were home educated succeed and perform statistically significantly better than those who attended institutional schools
 - they participate in local community service more frequently than does the general population
 - these adults vote and attend public meetings more frequently than the general population
 - they go to and succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population
 - by adulthood, they internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a higher rate

*<https://www.nheri.org/research-facts-on-homeschooling/>

After Words

This newsletter barely scratches the surface of what we need to be discussing as family units, as members of the Body of Christ, and as a nation. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, spiritual leaders, concerned neighbors - all have a part in the conversation.

Advocating for children comes in many forms. My thoughts and strong stance are my way of encouraging and supporting those who have the most important job in this life. The legacy parents leave is important to God and it matters to those who will live under the leadership and influence of the next generation.

I'm praying for every keeper of little souls. Parents, do not live by fear and instinct, but walk in full faith and teach your children to love the things of God.

Blessings,
Tiffany



On YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/WPt5aEAqNQo>

On Rumble:

<https://rumble.com/vkjuf0-a-word-to-parents-before-sending-them-back-to-school.html>

Thank You!

Thank you for reading the August newsletter!

Please share this with someone, especially those who have children. We must continue to sound an alarm and expose the inhumane treatment of children in America and around the world.

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*So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen
for the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever..*

2 Corinthians 4:18

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