

RELIGION

Scripture Of The Week

Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven Matthew 18:4.

REFLECTIONS

"Out Of The Mouth Of Babes"

The parents were apprehensive as they gathered for open house at the 3rd grade classroom, especially since some had been at open house before, and weren't really excited about sitting in the pint sized chairs.

They were in for a real surprise when the teacher said, "I promised your children you would all help write the class poem." As she ignored the groans and moans, she explained that the poem would be free verse and all the

parents had to do would be to finish a sentence that began "I wish....." The parent's lists were self centered "I wish I could be happy and problem-free"

"I wish I had a home of my own."
"I wish I had more money in the bank."

After the teacher read all the selections aloud from the parents, she quietly opened another folder and read what the children had written:

"I wish my grandma didn't die."
"I wish my daddy didn't drink so

much."
"I wish my mom and dad would love each other like before."

None of the children's wishes were self centered. The silence in the room was deafening, not to mention the tears. Ask any group of children to complete the "I wish" sentence. The list you get will surpass any sermon on faith, hope, or love. "Let me approach the world like a child today and leave it a better place for having seen through their eyes again."

'Til Death Us Do Part

Killing, whether it be humane or inhumane, is wrong. As I was listening to the radio, Lou Davies was hosting and discussing the topic of "Euthanasia", which is defined as the intentional causing of an easy and painless death. One statement that was made, "We now live in an age of convenience, instant and ready-made. Those terms are all right in reference to an object, such as a toaster, but not with a human life."



By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

As Christian Believers, we must address this issue and not write it off as a fad or a vapor which will just vanish with a strong breeze.

I have heard too many Christian Believers embracing this idea and even justifying the action with comments like: "God is gracious, merciful and loving, and I know that he wouldn't want so and so to suffer like that"

I don't know how many times or how many ways to say it...but, "God does not, I repeat, does not need our feeble-minded help." Again--the Holy Scripture says, "Lean not to your own understanding..."; but, "...in all thy

ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

How many times have you been on the job and as you clocked-in, went to your work area, checked your work for the day and discover that some well-meaning person has usurped your

duties/position of authority, taken an important task and botched it up because they did not completely know how to coordinate the information. The--the next move is to throw it out or spend precious time re-doing it. Now you have lost valuable time undoing this well-meaning deed.

However, when a human life has been terminated through abortion, mercy killing or suicide, there is no way someone can undo, rectify, correct or repair their mistake. "Sorry!" does not help.

God created life and God, and only God, determines how long we should live or when we should die.

Let's call it for what it really is... "Euthanasia is murder." There is no excusing it. And--yes, it is a premeditated act when a person goes through the trouble of creating and developing a sophisticated device that will take a person's life whether you,

the inventor, are present or not. It's just like the scientist who thought of, invented and then successfully tested the atomic bomb. Neither he nor his family members will ever forget the devastation, the carnage, the desolation, the after-math, the tears and aloneness--caused by this ingenious invention.

Euthanasia is another sound of "War". A silent war which has become so sophisticated until even the judicial system has been caught unaware. Judges and lawyers are now scurrying about in an attempt to either defend or prosecute the culprit.

If the Holy Spirit is not the one leading you to explore certain areas, leave it alone. Satan can get into an intelligent mind and reap havoc when God is not there. And because the person is so intelligent, there are always weak people to listen.

Euthanasia is just another rude awareness of satanic forces. The scripture says,

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking who he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." [Peter 5:8-9 KJV]

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