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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **The Value Of Life**

"The ultimate value of life depends upon awareness and the power of contemplation rather than upon mere survival." – Aristotle

"God hath given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends." – Jeremy Taylor

"There is no wealth but life." – John Ruskin, *Unto This Last*

"Life is the gift of God...." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Life is not to be endured. Life is to be revered." – Anonymous

It is a true shame to live in a time and culture which seems to have such little value for human life. Three horrible sins plague society everyday: abortion, infanticide (the killing of infants), and euthanasia (mercy killing).

One deeply laments hearing those who defend the killing of the unborn. Since the catastrophic decision of the Supreme Court in 1973, millions of unborn children have been needlessly slaughtered. How can one not cringe at "hands that shed innocent blood" (Prov. 6:17)?

As if that were not enough, now if a child is not wanted, it is left to die or smothered. Some may recall Jill Stanek, a nurse at a Chicago hospital who testified before congress that "she and her colleagues witnessed many cases where children were left to die in soiled linen closets and on cold metal scales. She once held an aborted child for close to an hour while he died because the hospital refused to treat him." (Right To Life)

Physician assisted suicide is already legal in five states, Oregon, Washington, Vermont, Montana, and New Mexico. It is being promoted under the guise of "Death With Dignity." It already accounts for 9% of the deaths in the Netherlands.

It seems ironic that society today can get supercharged over the death of an animal, but think nothing of the death of a human being. Case in point, the furor over Cecil the Lion. Or how about the irony of P.E.T.A. over the cruelty shown toward animals, but the same will defend the right to abort a child.

Society today sounds so much like what Paul wrote in Romans 1: "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Rom. 1:28).

Life is indeed a wondrous gift of God. Shame on those who respond to God's love with such disgrace.

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