

CHOOSE LIFE!

When nice people see something ugly or mean, we often avert our eyes so we won't see. We know that you can't "unsee" something. We will be marked by what we look at. This is a good rule as far as it goes.

We are not to participate in evil, but merely looking away is not enough. We are "salt" and "light". It is our job to say "not here". It is our job to shine light on darkness. It is our job to resist Satan.

Let's take abortion, for example. We cannot co-exist with evil. We know killing babies is wrong. It is not enough to ignore this horror, so what can we do?

First, we can admit this practice is a sin. Then we must pray about it. Pray for those who are thinking about abortion as an option to their dilemma. Pray for ourselves that we will have the wisdom and love to stop ignoring this evil in our land. Next, we speak up and speak out. This puts us on record that we are for life.

Then we lovingly take action. We show those who see abortion as the only option to their problem another way. Maybe we write letters. Maybe we encourage those who make our laws to do right.

There was a time in our history when slavery was allowed. It was legal to buy, sell and own other people. Many good people chose to ignore this practice and it continued. Then they stood up and today we can't imagine how it was the way of this land.

It is time for us to move on from being nice people and act like Christian people. Many years ago, Moses said, *"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live..."* Deuteronomy 30:19

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