

PRO-LIFE IMPERATIVES

Psalm 82:3-4

What does God require of pro-life Christians?

I. VINDICATE (3a)

A. THE INDIVIDUALS

1. The Weak: Helpless
2. The Fatherless: Defenseless

B. THE ACTION

1. Get involved right away
2. Seek to bring them to a place of peace and security

C. GOD'S EXAMPLE: I Samuel 2:8

D. SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Stand on the behalf of those who are helpless and powerless
2. Don't be dismissive: Refusing to hear or be bothered about their circumstances

II. DO JUSTICE (3b)

A. THE INDIVIDUALS

1. The Afflicted: Oppressed and overwhelmed
2. The Destitute: Hungry and hopeless

B. THE ACTION

1. Cause them to be treated fairly and favorably
2. Seek to help them exercise their rights - See Deut. 27:19

C. CHRIST'S EXAMPLE - Isaiah 53:11

1. "... My servant will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities
2. See also Isaiah 49:13

D. SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Help the abortion-minded to understand that one mistake need not lead them to another
2. Support legal deterrents to abortion - See v. 2
3. Encourage "pro-birth" legislation and assistance
4. Support Christ-oriented adoption agencies

III. **RESCUE** (4a)

A. THE INDIVIDUALS

1. The Weak: Lowly (same word as in 3a)
2. The Needy: Poor

B. THE ACTION

1. Bring them to safety: Be passionate about this
2. Cause them to escape

C. GOD'S EXAMPLE - Psalm 40:17 (see also 40:1-3)

D. SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Assist women in breaking free from a bondage of disrespect, sin and abuse
2. Become a peer counselor or medical provider at one of the Life Centers
3. Be a prayer-warrior for those on the front lines of the pro-life movement
4. Stay informed about the needs of those around you

IV. **DELIVER** (4b)

A. THE INDIVIDUALS

1. Them: All of the above
2. The Wicked: Those who are transgressing

B. THE ACTION

1. Snatch them away: Cause them to be torn away
2. Be assertive > Extricate
- Obey Proverbs 24:11

C. GOD'S EXAMPLE - I Samuel 17:37

D. SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. Get people away from the godless philosophies and teachings of those who promote a "liberated" women who can decide if she wishes to kill or keep her baby
2. Turn them from darkness to light! - Acts 26:18 (see also Is. 43:6-7)

CONCLUSION:

As pro-life believers, we've been given a ministry of reconciling people to God
- Meditate on II Corinthians 5:17-20

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