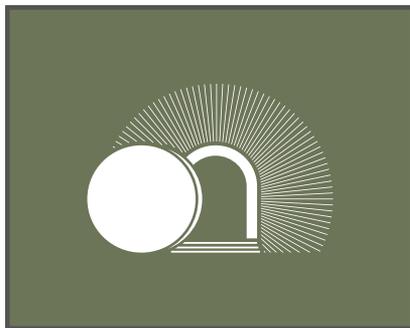




# BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF **HUMAN VALUE**





## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

In the Church Ambassador Network, a ministry of the Christian Education League, we hold to the teachings of the Bible that God created government for our good. We also hold to the teachings that life is an incredible gift from God that must be protected. We desire a government that not only values and protects all life but also values the person. That value must extend to everyone, regardless of color, education, social economic status, or any other societal classification.

### MAINE'S STRONG HISTORY

Maine's church, government, and collective people have a strong history of standing for those who are oppressed and need their voices to be heard. In the mid-1800s, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, and other denominations across Maine preached against the wrongs of slavery and called Christians to stand against it.

Mainers opened their homes and churches as shelters to those fleeing slavery in the southern states. Maine had over seventy-five underground railroad locations. When the Civil War broke out, Mainers answered their call and sent the most troops per capita of any state to serve in the Union Army. Maine has a history of being a voice for the voiceless. If you look around the Maine Capitol today, you will see many tributes to these brave men and women who stood up against oppression and won. Maine must continue to be that beacon of light for all people, and just like it did in the mid-1800s, that beacon begins in Maine's churches.

THE WORD OF  
OUR GOD SHALL  
STAND FOREVER



## GOD IS THE AUTHOR AND GIVER OF LIFE. HE DETERMINES WHEN LIFE BEGINS AND ENDS.

God is the author of life. He formed us and gave us our own unique DNA. He knew us even before we were conceived. He chose the time and place we were born (Acts 17). As the author of life, only God can determine when life begins, and only God can take innocent life, whether from age, sickness, or accident. Murder at any stage of human life is not only morally wrong, it is a sin against God Himself. As Christians, we can begin to value life by understanding that God is the creator and owner of life.



“FOR IT WAS YOU WHO CREATED MY INWARD PARTS; YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER’S WOMB. I WILL PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN REMARKABLY AND WONDROUSLY MADE.”

PSALM 139:13-14

“WHEN ELIZABETH HEARD MARY’S GREETING, THE BABY LEAPED IN HER WOMB, AND ELIZABETH WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

LUKE 1:41

“BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU, BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I SET YOU APART.”

JEREMIAH 1:5



## GOD COMMANDS US TO DEFEND THE CAUSE OF THE VOICELESS.

There is no one more voiceless than an unborn child. As Christians, we are called to defend those who do not have the ability or opportunity to speak for themselves. We must speak for innocent lives still in the womb. This includes exposing Satan's lies about abortion that have taken many captive in our nation. But defending the cause of the voiceless does not stop there. It also means defending the cause of the poor, the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow. As Christians, we can value life by passionately defending all people who are oppressed.



“SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF THE VOICELESS, AND FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL WHO ARE VULNERABLE.”

PROVERBS 31:8

“THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE ALIEN AND SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW, BUT HE FRUSTRATES THE WAYS OF THE WICKED.”

PSALM 146:8

## GOD WANTS US TO EXPERIENCE LIFE IN ABUNDANCE.

God did not give us life to simply go through the motions, mechanically performing duties. He gave us the gift of life that we might actually live it abundantly. He wants us to pursue righteousness and truly thrive. Though life comes with challenges and trials, these, too, have incredible value. Times of testing can even prove to be times of blessing and fruitfulness, as we walk in Christ. As Christians, we can value life by helping our neighbors find life in abundance, beginning by sharing the Gospel message.



“A THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL AND KILL AND DESTROY. I HAVE COME SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE.”

JOHN 10:10



## EVERY PERSON HAS VALUE.

There is no one too far fallen for God. There is no one too different for God. In His eyes, all have fallen short, and all are in need of the Gospel. Christ died on the Cross for ALL people, and He desires ALL people to come to the knowledge of Him.

God values each life so much that He paid the ultimate price for us. As Christians, we can follow the example of our Savior by valuing all human lives.



“THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; HE HAS  
COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE.”

PSALM 145:9

“WHO WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED AND  
TO COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.”

1 TIMOTHY 2:4



## EVERY ASPECT AND PART OF OUR LIFE MATTERS.

Whether we are unborn, young, middle-aged, or seniors, God cares. He cares about every stage and detail of our lives, big and small. As our Maker, He knows us even better than we know ourselves, so He knows what is best for us. He also knows how to work every situation together for good.

As a nation, we must begin to look at our trials differently. God does not merely desire us to experience the comforts of life but to learn to see beauty in hard times as well. This should significantly change the way we view euthanasia.

As Christians, we can value life by caring about people in every stage of life, through both good and hard times.



“WHY, EVEN THE HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED.”

LUKE 12:7

“THE LORD DIRECTS THE STEPS OF THE GODLY.  
HE DELIGHTS IN EVERY DETAIL OF THEIR LIVES.”

PSALM 37:23



## EVERYONE'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED, SO WE MUST MAKE THE MOST OF OUR TIME.

The Bible says our life is nothing more than a vapor. Time goes by so quickly. We must make the most of each day, living intentionally for Christ. When we do, we not only experience His blessings, others experience His blessings through us as well. As Christians, we can value life by making the most of our days.



“AND IN THY BOOK THEY WERE ALL WRITTEN,  
THE DAYS THAT WERE ORDAINED FOR ME.”

PSALM 139:16

“SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS  
THAT WE MAY GET A HEART OF WISDOM.”

PSALM 90:12

“PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION, THEN, TO HOW YOU WALK  
— NOT AS UNWISE PEOPLE BUT AS WISE — MAKING  
THE MOST OF THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.”

EPHESIANS 5:15-16



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