



THE WISDOM OF PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE



A man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a red sweater, is shown from the chest up. He is holding a pair of glasses in his right hand, with the temple resting on his chin. He is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a solid green color. A large, dark gray speech bubble with a white outline is positioned to the right of the man, containing the text "What about Life Support Issues?".

**What about
Life Support
Issues?**



• Euthanasia

A. Definitions

(Greek) “**eu**” = good

+ “**thanas**” = death

- AKA: “Right to Die” / Mercy Killings
- “Euthanasia” = Murder to avoid pain or disgrace
 - intentional / can be passive or active
 - assisted / or unassisted



Judges 9:52-54

And Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. Then he called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

1 Samuel 31:3-4

The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me." But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it.



- **Euthanasia**

- B. Murder is Prohibited**

- C. Murderers are Culpable**

- D. Other Solutions Must be Employed**

- 1) Great Courage**

- 2) God's Grace**

- 3) Medications**



Philippians 1:20

it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Proverbs 31:6-7

Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.



• Euthanasia

E. Distinction: “Life Support” Decisions

- 1) When Life is Artificially Maintained
- 2) When the Illness is Terminal
- 3) When Death is Imminent
- 4) “Extraordinary Measures” = Choices
 - > Biblical Revelation
 - > Natural Revelation



**Should I Tell My
Kids What They
Will Inherit?**



- **Full Disclosure?**

- A. Risk of Conflict

- B. Risk of Greed

- C. Risk of Financial Irresponsibility



James 3:14–16

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Proverbs

22:7

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.



- **Full Disclosure?**

- D. Opportunity to Promote Values

- E. Opportunity to Affirm Stewardship

- F. Opportunity to Manage Expectations



**Proverbs
16:26**

*A worker's
appetite works
for him; his
mouth urges
him on.*

Proverbs 13:22

*A good man
leaves an
inheritance to his
children's
children, but the
sinner's wealth is
laid up for the
righteous.*

**Proverbs
13:16**

*Every prudent
man acts with
knowledge, but
a fool flaunts
his folly.*





**What about
Organ Donation?**



- **Organ Donation**

- A. **Glorification is Complete**

- B. **Missing Body Parts Is Not of Concern**

- C. **All Earthly Defects Will Be Made Whole**



Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Matthew 18:9

And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

Isaiah 35:4-6

“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.



- **Organ Donation**

**D. Be Informed
of OPO Practices**

**E. Be Informed
of Scandals**

**F. Consider the
Options Available
for Cadaver Research**

Proverbs 14:15-16

The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps. One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.



Proverbs 20:18

**Plans are established by counsel;
by wise guidance...**





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