

**Sanctity of Human Life:                      “Life: God’s Gift to the Very End”**  
**Gen 1.27; Job 1.21-22; Ps 139.16; Rom 14.7-9; Ps 92.12-15**

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**MAIN IDEA:**     Because God is the Giver of Life, we are to care for those in later years and trust each and every day to Him.

**SUPPORTING IDEAS:**

RECOGNIZE LIFE, TO THE VERY END: GOD’S TRUTH - LIFE IS GOD’S GIFT – His to give; His to take

True Because of Creation, *Gen 1:27; Job 1:21-22; Ps 139:16; Rom 14:7-9*

True Because of Salvation            *1 Cor 6:19-20*    *you were bought at a price.*

Life is God’s gift – It’s His to give; His to take away, *Ps 104:29-30; Ps 90:1-3*

Runs counter to ideas in our society today: individual autonomy - do whatever I want

Do we trust the Giver of Life? Paul’s example - Phil 1.20-26,

What drives our perceptions, evaluations, reactions, decisions: Giver of Life or the fear of death?

SOCIAL POLICY / LAW – Colorado Proposition 106, the End of Life Options Act,

This law may be well intended, but it is morally evil – we take what belongs only to God

Some things simply beyond us: as finite creatures we cannot grasp what all is at stake in life & death:

We’re not wise enough, Is 5.8    We’re not good enough – motives never pure, Prov 14.12

CARE FOR LIFE, TO THE VERY END: GOD’S HEART

God cares for people to very end (*Ps 116:15*) – our hearts should match His (Eph 6.2-3; I Tim 5.4-8)

Do we have eyes to see needs He sees; do we have heart to care as He cares

○ Practical / daily challenges – Transportation, Loneliness, Health challenges, Scams

LIVE LIFE TO THE VERY END: GOD’S PURPOSE, Ps 92.12-15

Every day matters – at times, obvious; often times hidden; confidence in God who orders our days

Peak of intellectual abilities, knowledge, practical life-wisdom, walk with Christ–

More discretionary time                      For some, greater financial freedom – can travel, play, give

Don’t waste it - Healthy retirees – using greater discretionary time for the Kingdom

Don’t fight what can’t do – pursue what ‘can’    — but don’t let what you can no longer do define you

Do fight against what steals & destroys

- Fight against fear – called to live by faith in facing challenge, loss & limitation
  - Does my aging demonstrate I believe God is faithful?
- Fight against selfishness – fruit of the spirit need still needs to grow
- Fight against isolation – stay as connected as you can
  - Invest in others -- source of counsel, source of hope, courage
  - Relationship; Listening more than talking; Encouragement; Prayer
- Ask God to fulfill Ps 92.12-15

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATION:**

You might emphasize one of the 3 main topics more than others – see what fits for your group.

Why is every human life valuable? Why is it morally wrong for us to deliberately end life? (see Scripture)

Why is it so easy to overlook those in their later years? What unique challenges do those years bring?

What are some daily ways we can respond?

For those in later years, as life becomes more challenging, how do you find & embrace God’s purposes for your daily life?