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Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ,**

as though God were pleading through us:

we implore you on Christ's behalf,

be reconciled to God.

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from the **Executive Director — David E. Smith**



As you know, it took nearly 50 years for the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that invented a so-called “constitutional right” to abortion based on a contrived “right to privacy.”

While we are deeply grateful for the Court’s reversal in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, this landmark ruling didn’t make abortion illegal. Instead, it returned the authority to regulate abortion back to the states. Since then, while some states have passed stronger pro-life protections, others—like Illinois—have doubled down, enacting new laws that entrench and expand the abortion industry.

According to the Guttmacher Institute and the CDC, over 90,000 abortions were committed in Illinois in 2024. Shockingly, 35,000 of those were performed on women who traveled from out of state. We expect those numbers to increase in 2025.

If we hope to end the practice of child sacrifice in Illinois, we have a great deal of work ahead. The pro-life message must be proclaimed—not only in churches and legislatures but in everyday conversations across our culture.

Our pro-life Christian worldview is informed by Scripture (see Psalm 139:13–16, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:41–44), but it is also supported by compelling medical and scientific evidence. Consider the clarity of ultrasound images showing preborn children moving, stretching, and even sucking their thumbs. Another powerful argument is the 2018 survey by Dr. Steven Andrew Jacobs, in which 96% of over 5,300 biologists affirmed that human life begins at fertilization.

There’s no doubt in my mind: we must redouble our efforts to educate our family, friends, and neighbors about the sanctity of human life. And yes—minds *can* be changed.

Talking about abortion can be difficult or even frustrating,

but it doesn’t have to be. Instead of just trying to win an argument, try asking the right questions. A sincere, gracious question can be more powerful than the perfect rebuttal. The goal is to bring clarity, not conflict.



Here are some questions that can guide productive, persuasive conversations:

▪ **“What do you mean by that?”**

This is one of the simplest and most effective questions you can ask. It helps clarify the other person’s position. For example, if someone says, “Pro-lifers just want to force their views on others,” you could respond, “What do you mean by that?” or “In what ways do you think that’s happening?”

▪ **“How did you arrive at that conclusion?”**

This helps uncover the reasoning behind someone’s opinion. If someone says, “Christians shouldn’t tell others what to believe about abortion,” ask, “Why do you think that?” You might also point out the irony: “Isn’t that statement also a belief claim?”

▪ **“Have you considered...?”**

This invites thoughtful reflection. If someone argues that a preborn child doesn’t have a right to life because he isn’t self-aware, you might ask, “Have you considered that newborns also lack self-awareness?” or “Have you thought about the fact that unconscious adults temporarily lose self-awareness too?” You could follow up with, “Why should self-awareness determine someone’s right to life?”

▪ **“What’s the difference?”**

When someone says the preborn are human but not

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Pray That President Trump Stops Mail-Order Abortion Drugs

During the last week of July, forty Baptist leaders representing 22 states delivered a letter to President **Donald J. Trump** urging

his immediate action to stop the mail-order distribution of the abortion drug mifepristone, which now accounts for more than 60 percent of all U.S. abortions.

The letter outlines how a federal policy—carried over from the Biden administration—continues to allow abortion drugs to be dispensed without an in-person consultation with a doctor or medical professional, placing the health and safety of women at serious risk. It also notes that these drugs are being distributed

by mail in violation of the **Comstock Act**, even into states that have enacted pro-life laws following the historic *Dobbs* decision. Despite these state laws, the continuation of this federal policy under the Trump administration is effectively nullifying the pro-life laws of these states.

That appeal respectfully requests that President Trump:

- 1. Restore and strengthen FDA safety protocols for mifepristone, including an ultrasound requirement;**
- 2. Direct the FDA to reevaluate the drug's approval; and**
- 3. Instruct the Department of Justice to enforce the Comstock Act to protect states' rights to uphold pro-life laws.**

The letter goes on to say that women, preborn children, and the rule of law urgently needs President Trump's leadership.

Illinois Family Institute agrees.

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Dead People on Illinois Voter Rolls? Written by David E. Smith

On July 22, 2025, the U.S. House Committee on House Administration held a hearing titled “Clean Rolls, Secure Elections: Reviewing Voter List Maintenance Standards.” Lawmakers underscored that accurate voter registration lists are essential to election integrity.

At the center of the discussion is the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)—the *Motor Voter Law*. While the NVRA expanded voter registration opportunities, it also required states to maintain current, accurate voter rolls. It forbids removing voters solely for not voting and includes safeguards to prevent wrongful purges.

The Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) appears to be violating Section 8 of the NVRA. A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by **Carol Davis** of the Illinois Conservative Union—backed by Judicial Watch—uncovered correspondence indicating ISBE is deflecting responsibility to local election authorities instead of overseeing a statewide list-maintenance program as federal law demands.

In response, Judicial Watch issued a Statutory Notice to ISBE, warning that the agency was failing to meet its federal obligations and giving it 90 days to take corrective action.

When no changes were made, Judicial Watch filed a lawsuit in March 2024 on behalf of Carol Davis, Illinois Family Action and Breakthrough Ideas. The case—*Judicial Watch, Inc. et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections et al.*—is now before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The lawsuit challenges Illinois’ failure to properly maintain its voter rolls, as required by the NVRA.

“The voter rolls in Illinois and California are a mess, and these court decisions allow our Judicial Watch legal team to proceed in court to clean them up,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The stakes are high—as there are potentially millions of ineligible names on the voter rolls in these two states.”



In late July, we were thrilled to learn that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a statement of interest in the case. The DOJ affirmed that under the NVRA, the state—not local jurisdictions—is ultimately responsible for ensuring that voter rolls are accurate and up to date.

The outcome of this case could have sweeping implications—not only for Illinois but for every state with a decentralized election system. Will Illinois finally be forced to implement a uniform, statewide process to remove ineligible voters—including the deceased—from its rolls? We should pray for such a ruling. 🙏

Abortion Facilities

Over the last seven months, **30 abortion facilities** have closed across the country, including Planned Parenthood’s largest facility located in Houston, Texas. Although these numbers are encouraging, pro-life supporters have expressed concern that these closures fail to make a big difference in lowering abortion rates overall, since over **sixty percent of abortions** are carried out using the abortion pill. Unfortunately, the abortion pill is still widely distributed to women across the country – even though a recent study shows the abortion pill is **ten times more dangerous** than previously reported. 🙏



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Some Good News Written by Micah Clark

While marriage has been under attack as an institution for many decades, and views around it are not as strong or positive as they should be, there is some good news when it comes to divorce.

A new report from the **Institute for Family Studies (IFS)** finds that divorce rates have fallen and marriage is finally stabilizing again.

IFS notes that the largest shift has become apparent with divorce. After reaching a peak in the late ’70s and early ’80s, “the divorce rate has been falling in recent decades,” currently hitting a 50-year low. Part of the change is due to how different cohorts of the U.S. population are becoming less likely to divorce, in some measure because “marriage has become more selective, with more educated, affluent, and religious couples becoming more likely to put a ring on it to put a ring on a finger.”



IFS further observed that, according to the most recent projections, the risk of first marriages ending in divorce is now around 40%, a significant drop from couples who married in the ’80s and ’90s, of whom 50% experienced divorce. **“The bottom line: Most married couples will make it,”** IFS pointed out. 🙏



Reaffirming Parental Rights

Written by Thomas Hampson

The *Mahmoud v. Taylor* decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 27th is far more significant than a simple ruling on reading materials in schools. At its core, it reasserts the constitutional rights of parents to guide their children's religious upbringing—even within public school classrooms.

The Montgomery County (Maryland) school district began using LGBTQ+-themed books for students from preschool through 12th grade in 2022. Initially, parents were notified and allowed to opt out. But the district soon reversed course, citing “disruption” from too many opt-out requests. Families from multiple faiths—Muslim, Catholic, Orthodox—sued, arguing that the policy violated their religious liberty. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in a 6–3 ruling.

Progressive critics accused the parents of censorship and bigotry. But the Court saw something deeper: a deliberate policy to deny parents influence over their children's moral and religious formation. Justice Alito wrote that merely exposing children to hostile content—without opt-out options—can violate religious freedom.

This ruling imposes new requirements on public schools nationwide:

- Advance notice for controversial material
- Opt-outs for families with objections
- Strict scrutiny for any policy that burdens religious beliefs

The roots of this case lie in decades of progressive control over public education. Since John Dewey's influence in the early 20th century, the system has increasingly embraced secular, leftist ideologies. From “whole child” SEL programs to National Sexuality Education Standards, schools have become vehicles for promoting views on gender, sexuality, and social justice that often conflict with traditional religious values.

When backlash arose, progressives embedded these themes across all subjects—not just sex ed. This strategy eliminated the possibility of opting out, making indoctrination inescapable.

Mahmoud v. Taylor changes that. The Court ruled that promoting one worldview while excluding others—especially under threat of punishment or exclusion—burdens religious freedom. Schools must now accommodate families' deeply held beliefs, or risk legal challenge.

The ruling also opens the door to



challenge other state policies, such as:

- Confidential counseling and healthcare for minors without parental consent
- Universal mental health screenings
- Abortion access for minors without parental involvement

This decision affirms that the right to direct a child's religious upbringing doesn't stop at the schoolhouse door. It applies whenever the government seeks to override parents with ideologically driven agendas.

The only question now is whether parents will use this decision to stand up—not just in court, but in school board meetings, elections, and policy debates. The fight for our children's hearts and minds is far from over—but *Mahmoud* marks a significant turning point. 🌸

➔ **Please note:** *This is an abbreviated version of Mr. Hampson's article. To read the entire article, please visit: illinoisfamily.org/education/reaffirming-parental-rights*

from the Executive Director, David E. Smith *(continued from page 1)*

persons, try asking, “What's the difference?” or “On what basis do you conclude that a human being can be a non-person?” or “We all started out as a zygote, and progressed to an embryo, then to an infant.” Of course, you can continue to point out that infants become toddlers, who grow to be preschoolers to gradeschoolers to young adult to adult. They are all stages of human life.

▪ “What is a religious claim?”

If someone objects that pro-life arguments are “just religious,” you might ask, “What do you mean by ‘religious claim?’” or, “Is it a religious claim to say that a teenager is valuable and has a right to life?”

▪ “How does that follow?”

When people accuse pro-lifers of hypocrisy—saying we shouldn't oppose abortion unless we're adopting every unwanted child—ask, “How does my personal situation justify ending a preborn child's life?” You might also ask, “How do you know we're not adopting them?”

You can also note that for every child placed for adoption in the U.S., there are on average **36 families** waiting to adopt.

For every pro-abortion claim, there are at least a few good questions worth asking in return. As followers of Christ, we must be prepared to give a reasoned defense for the truth of God's Word (1 Peter 3:15), including the biblical view of human dignity and the right to life. Often, the best defense is a thoughtful, sincere question that invites reflection.

You don't need to have all the answers. But you can become very effective at asking the *right* questions. 🌸



Want to learn more — or bring this message to your community?

We'd love to come speak at your church, Christian school, prayer meeting, youth group, civic organization, political gathering, or homeschool co-op. Let's work together to promote a culture that values every human life.



Stand for Truth in Illinois

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You know that Illinois Family Institute is supported by moms and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers, and even those without children from across our state. But here's something you might not know:

Only 5% of IFI's followers donate to support this ministry.

Just two percent.

Yet, we've done the math: **if every follower gave just \$50, we could fully fund our work for the year.**

If even a fraction of our subscribers pledged \$10 or \$20 monthly, we could expand our impact, reach more families, and fill much-needed staff positions.

IFI doesn't employ a professional fundraiser. We don't flood your mailbox with letters. Instead, we remain laser-focused on our mission: **To boldly bring biblical perspectives to public policy.**

Now more than ever, we must speak truth in the public square—proclaiming Christ, exposing evil, and defending what is good and just.

But to continue this work, **we need your support.**

Please consider a **one-time gift of \$50 or \$100**—or better yet, become a **Sustaining Partner** at \$10 or \$20 a month.

What We're Doing

The IFI team advocates for biblical truth and Christian ethics on behalf of Illinois families by:

- ✓ Lobbying at the capitol in Springfield
- ✓ Hosting forums and summits
- ✓ Issuing action alerts and prayer requests
- ✓ Engaging on social media and in the news
- ✓ Tracking and opposing dangerous legislation
- ✓ Training and equipping believers to stand firm

By God's grace, our influence has grown dramatically over the past decade—but with your help, we can reach even farther.

Illinois is a battlefield. Consider just a few of the bills IFI is working to stop:

- **Assisted suicide** legalization
- **Homeschool regulation** that threatens parental rights
- **Legalization of prostitution and psychedelic drugs**
- **Online gambling expansion** targeting the vulnerable
- **Mental health mandates** in schools—defined by godless ideologues
- **Sites where drug addicts** can get high with supervision

And it's getting worse. Governor Pritzker recently signed a bill requiring **mental health screenings for third graders and up**. When the Left defines "mental health," it becomes a tool for **control**, not care. Will faithful Christian, Jewish, and Muslim



students be re-educated to conform to a godless ideology?

Meanwhile, Illinois schools continue failing our kids—abandoning basic academics to focus on social engineering, radical sex ed, anti-Americanism, and Marxist indoctrination.

This is light versus darkness.

Truth versus lies.

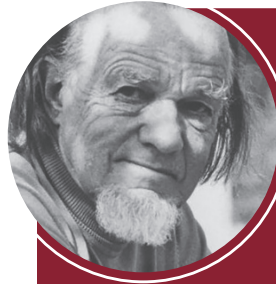
Good versus evil.

While our opponents lie, scream, vandalize, and blaspheme, **we will not back down**. We will speak truth boldly and fight for families, life, and freedom.

Will you stand with us today? Your generous gift of **\$25, \$50, \$100**, or whatever the Lord leads, will fuel our efforts to preserve faith, family, and freedom in Illinois.

If you believe this work matters, please don't wait.

Become a monthly Sustaining Partner today. ✨



Quote by Francis Schaeffer

"I believe the majority of the silent majority, young and old, will sustain the loss of liberties without raising their voices as long as their own lifestyles are not

threatened. And since personal peace and affluence are so often the only values that count with the majority, politicians know that to be elected they must promise these things. Politics has largely become not a matter of ideals—increasingly men and women are not stirred by the values of liberty and truth—but of supplying a constituency with the frosting of personal peace and affluence. They know that voices will not be raised as long as people have these things, or at least an illusion of them.

"Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* (1776-1788) said that the following five attributes marked Rome at its end: first, a mounting love of show and luxury (that is, affluence); second, a widening gap between the very rich and the very poor (this could be among countries in the family of nations as well as in a single nation); third, an obsession with sex; fourth, freakishness in the arts, masquerading as originality, and enthusiasms pretending to be creativity; fifth, an increased desire to live off the state. It all sounds so familiar. We have come a long road since our first chapter, and we are back in Rome."

How Should We Then Live?, (p. 227) 1976



The Case for Life

Written by David E. Smith

Seldom if ever in the pro-life/pro-abortion debate is the most important question asked: **What is the preborn?** Scott Klusendorf addresses this in his book *The Case for Life*. Klusendorf rightly observes that we will simplify the debate if we focus on this one question, since it is the only question that truly matters. Many, if not most, arguments for abortion simply assume the preborn is not human and therefore is not deserving of life.

But the fact is that the preborn *IS* human. We know this because the preborn child has his or her own unique human DNA. This is a scientific and irrefutable fact. Every human life is worthy of protection by virtue of belonging to the human race.

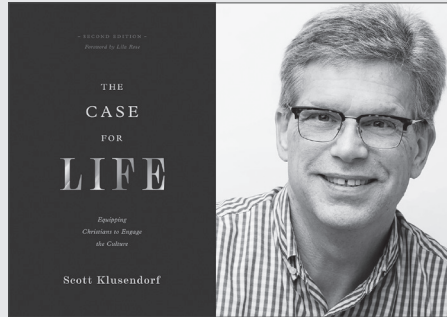
It is God who said in Genesis 1:26: “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...” From the moment of conception, the moment of fertilization, we are a distinct human being—fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14) and deserving of full legal protection at every stage.

And because every human bears the image of God; He makes it abundantly clear: it is a sin to take human life. The commandment “You shall not murder” is explicitly stated in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5, and Leviticus 24:17 reinforces this by declaring, “Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.”

Any discussion of abortion must begin by asking and answering the question: What is the preborn? If the preborn is nothing more than a clump of indeterminate cells, there is no issue. But if the preborn is human life, what could possibly justify the preborn’s termination?

The fact is there is no essential difference between you the embryo in the womb and you the adult, that is, no difference that could justify ending your life in the womb. Author **Stephen Schwartz** in his book *The Moral Question of Abortion*, uses the acronym SLED as a way of thinking about non-essential differences.

Size: As an embryo you were smaller than you are now, but human worth and




dignity are obviously not dependent on size.

Level of development: A human in his embryonic state is less developed than a newborn, a newborn than a toddler and a toddler than a teen. We don’t value the life of a newborn less than the life of a teen. On what basis then would we value the life of an embryonic human less than a newborn human?

Environment: A person’s location has no bearing on what the person is. A journey of a few inches through the birth canal does not change the essential nature of the preborn from someone we can kill to someone we can’t.

Degree of dependence: A preborn child depends on the mother for survival—but so does a newborn, a toddler, and even older children. Human dependence, age, or level of ability does not determine worth or personhood. Being vulnerable doesn’t make you less human—it makes you more in need of protection.

By God’s grace we will continue to make the case for life. As God’s people, let us commit ourselves to being truth-tellers and grace-givers when it comes to the issue of life. As we have opportunity, let us continue to ask—and rightly answer—the simple question: “What is the preborn?” 

***Editor’s Note:** The inspiration for this article comes from Scott Klusendorf’s book, *The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture* (2nd ed., Crossway, 2023). Klusendorf summarizes the argument for life this way: “It is wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being. Abortion intentionally kills an innocent human being. Therefore, abortion is morally wrong,” (p. 18). The rest of the book is a practical and powerful apologetic for the pro-life position.

Which Behaviors Do Americans Deem Immoral?

According to Gallup’s recent report, most Americans agree that adultery (89%) and cloning humans (87%) are immoral behaviors. Polygamy follows at 74%, and 60% agree that pornography is wrong. A majority at 54% also believe that “changing one’s gender” is wrong, too. These are all promising!

Interestingly, there’s a number of problematic behaviors that some Americans are more tolerant of: gambling (63% view it as acceptable morally),



physician assisted suicide (53%), divorce (75%) and birth control at a whopping 90%.

Other widely accepted behaviors (53%–68%) include premarital sex, having a child outside marriage, gay/lesbian relations, and embryonic stem cell research.

Scripture exhorts us plainly: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2). As followers of Christ, we are not to passively absorb the godless values of the culture around us. Instead, we are called to think and live differently — to have our minds shaped by God’s Word, not by popular opinion or social trends.

Polls like Gallup’s provide a sobering snapshot of how far our culture has drifted from biblical truth.

We are also warned in Ephesians 5:11, “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful

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Redistricting in Illinois *Written by David E. Smith*

You may have heard that Illinois Governor **J.B. Pritzker** raised the possibility of redrawing the state's congressional map before the 2026 midterm elections, positioning it as a direct response to Republican-led redistricting efforts in Texas.

Pritzker, who has his eyes set on becoming the next Democratic nominee for the White House, hosted a delegation of Texas Democratic lawmakers in Illinois, offering political support and strategic coordination with fellow Democratic governor Gavin Newsom of California. Both governors condemned Texas Republicans—and former President Trump—for what they called attempts to “rig” the 2026 elections by redrawing district maps mid-decade.

Pritzker called the GOP's plan “cheating” and stated that “everything is on the table” if Republicans proceed with their map overhaul.

Legal Authority and Illinois Political Landscape

Unlike many blue states hampered by independent redistricting commissions—such as California and New York—Illinois law provides flexibility for legislative-led redistricting at any time. With Democrats holding supermajorities in both chambers, Pritzker and his party could feasibly enact new maps before 2026.

Yet such changes would likely have limited impact: Illinois already has 14 Democratic seats out of 17 in Congress, following redistricting enacted in 2021 and passed under Pritzker's administration. Electoral analysts have flagged the current map as among the most gerrymandered, with Republicans virtually locked out of competitive districts.



Palpable Paradox: The Hypocrisy of Illinois' Partisan Map

A quick glance at Illinois' congressional map exposes the glaring hypocrisy behind Governor Pritzker's recent rhetoric. While he rails against alleged GOP gerrymandering in Texas, Illinois itself stands as a textbook example of extreme partisan redistricting—tilted sharply in favor of Democrats.

Of the state's 17 congressional seats, only 3 are held by Republicans. This is no accident. The current legislative and congressional maps were drawn under the iron grip of **Michael Madigan**, the now-disgraced former House Speaker and convicted felon, with the clear intent of cementing Democratic Party control for the long haul.

This is the same party that champions *diversity, equity, and inclusion*—yet in practice, it has deliberately sidelined Republican representation to **less than 18%** of the congressional delegation. That's despite the fact that, on average, over 41% of Illinois voters have cast ballots for Republican candidates at the top of the ticket since 2014.

By any fair measure, Republicans should hold six or seven seats, not three. The current imbalance undermines the legitimacy of Pritzker's warning shots. His supposed commitment to “fair maps” is belied by the very structure of Illinois' political landscape—one that he has defended and benefited from.

So much for the governor's **2018 campaign pledge** to support “*compact, contiguous, and fair*” districts. His recent threats ring hollow when viewed against the reality of Illinois' own gerrymandered design.

Political Risks and Internal Tensions

Even within the Democratic Party, some voices are uneasy about this approach. Critics warn that retaliatory gerrymandering risks deepening public cynicism and further eroding trust in the fairness of elections. Besides, with Republicans already marginalized in Illinois, attempting to push them out even further would not only be difficult but likely unpopular with independent voters who still value competitive democracy.

Bottom Line

Governor Pritzker's threat to redraw congressional districts is not only politically calculated but also deeply ironic. Illinois is already notorious for “*The Chicago Way*”—a phrase synonymous with entrenched political manipulation. This kind of partisan power play only reinforces the perception of machine-style politics that most voters claim to reject.

If Democrats proceed under the banner of “fairness,” they may well face backlash—not just from Republicans, but from independents and moderates who see through the spin. 🚫

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works of darkness, but rather expose them.” That means we cannot be silent. We cannot bless what God condemns, nor can we stand by while darkness is redefined as light. Instead, we must shine the light of truth — not self-righteously, but boldly and lovingly — calling our

neighbors to repentance and pointing them toward the only hope for a confused and morally bankrupt generation: Jesus Christ.

The growing acceptance of sin in society is not just a political or cultural issue — it's a spiritual battle over truth.

Good verse evil.

Now more than ever, the Christians must resist the pressure to conform to this world and recommit ourselves to loving God, serving others and upholding what is good and acceptable in the eyes of God, not man. 🚫

Prayer Requests

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
with all your heart...

As Christians, we strive to keep what Jesus identifies as the greatest commandment: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). In the very next verses, Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This includes doing good to all people—born and preborn—by being salt and light in the culture and by overcoming evil with good.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can keep the Gospel at the center of our lives while also promoting and protecting what is right and true through faithful citizenship. In fact, being good citizens is one way we exalt the cross of Christ (Galatians 6:10).

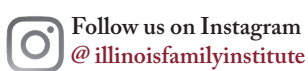
Christians fulfill this calling through both prayer and action (1 Timothy 2:1–4; Daniel 11:32; James 1:22). We must not hesitate to engage in the political process, because “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). Government is ordained by God, and all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to King Jesus (Matthew 28:18).

By God’s grace, let us, as His ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), make a difference in this world—honoring God through our prayers, our actions, and our stewardship of His gift of self-government.

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

PROVERBS 14:34

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▪ Revival in the Church

Spiritual awakening and renewed devotion among believers
Boldness and clarity in preaching the Gospel
A return to biblical truth in teaching and worship
Conversion of the lost to come to know Christ
Opportunities and boldness to share the Gospel

▪ Godly Leadership and Righteous Governance

Wisdom and integrity for national and local leaders
Protection of religious liberty, life, and family values
Strength, wisdom, courage, and humility for our pastors.

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Especially in countries like Nigeria, China, North Korea, and the Middle East
Endurance, courage, and provision for underground churches
Religious freedom and international advocacy

▪ Strengthening of Marriages and Families

Protection from cultural pressures and breakdown
Biblical parenting and discipleship in the home
Awareness of deceptive philosophies

▪ The Sanctity of Human Life

An end to abortion and the abortion pill industry
Care for mothers, children, and the vulnerable
Crisis pregnancy centers
Upholding life from conception to natural death

▪ Cultural and Moral Clarity

Truth to prevail in discussions on gender, sexuality, and identity
Courage for Christians in schools, workplaces, and media
Protection for children from ideological indoctrination

▪ Peace and Stability Globally

Especially in regions facing war and unrest (e.g., Israel/Gaza & Ukraine)
Wise diplomacy and protection of innocent lives
Open doors for Gospel ministry in crisis zones