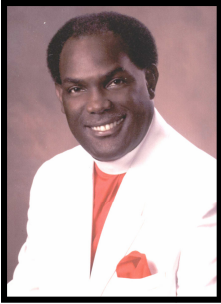


Ask Our Pastor



Q. *I am a young adult who has been sexually active before. Since then, I have recommitted my life to Christ. I know that it is only the grace of God that kept me from getting any STDs or pregnancies while I was in fornication. My best friend is 20 years old and has three children. She really does not take good care of her children and I honestly feel sorry for them because their mother neglects her responsibilities. My friend just revealed that she is pregnant and that she plans to have an abortion. I don't want her to have an abortion because I think abortion is wrong. On the other hand, I do not think that she should have another baby. She can barely take care of the kids that she already has. What should I say to her?*

A. First, let me congratulate you for rededicating your life to Christ. That is always a top priority. Because you are a born-again Christian, I recommend that you support and encourage your friend to carry the baby to the full term. If you are in a position to assist her in any way, as it concerns helping pay doctor bills or providing other assistance to make the delivery as smooth as possible, that would be great! Let her know that there are many agencies in the area that can assist her. More specifically, inform her that Compassionate Outreach Ministries offers clothes, food and household items to community members in need. Certainly, discourage your friend about her plans to have an abortion. Over 1.5 million babies are aborted each year in this country and abortion is always murder. God said, "Thou shalt not kill." Human life begins at conception and the heartbeat begins within 18 days. I personally feel that every baby has the right to live and no mother has the right to kill.

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