

WHAT KIND OF PASTOR DO YOU HAVE?

The pastor, visibly shaken, went to the pulpit to give his morning sermon. He began, "I was just informed that 17 children were murdered yesterday - only a few blocks from the church. Their bodies were dismembered, their arms and legs torn apart and their heads were crushed beyond recognition - and the man that did this horrible act went free and he will do it again next week and the week after that unless we do something to stop him."

The women in the church began to sob uncontrollably. The men rose to their feet swearing that they would stop this man even with their own lives. The church was infuriated.

And then the pastor gave the punch line. "These murders took place at the abortion clinic in town and I am talking about 17 children dying by abortion."

The men sat down and the women stopped crying. This was their pastor's yearly pro-life sermon on the sanctity of life. Oh, it was a bit more dramatic this year they thought.

"He really had us going," one man told his wife. "Now we can get on to more important things like the church building fund and the church picnic."

But, the pastor persisted. "Look these are children and they are killing them. We must do something to stop the killing! Do I hear an AMEN?"

A few halfhearted amen's and a few yawns, but he persisted, "We must do something to stop this murder from going on. Next Saturday, I am going out to the abortion clinic and we are going to stand and pray against this evil and I expect the members of this church to join me out there to save the children."

The next Saturday the pastor and his wife were there by themselves. Not one person from their church came out and joined them. The next day he got up in the pulpit and blasted them again for their apathy and indifference to the pre-born children.

Again, the church members became agitated, but this time against the pastor. "Is this all he can preach? What happened to those great prosperity sermons?" one member asked.

None were very happy about the direction in which the pastor was headed.

"I will be out at the abortion clinic next Saturday and I really expect you to be there with me. Do I make myself understood?"

The next Saturday, he and his wife were there and again they were alone.

Sunday, he was livid. "We had better wake up," he said. "We must do something about this killing. God expects us to do something about it and so do I. Please join my wife and me next Saturday at this killing place and help save babies."

The church members did do something. At the Wednesday prayer meeting the head deacon arose to inform the people that the deacons board had met in an emergency meeting and they had dismissed the pastor.

"We believe he was having some kind of mental breakdown and, well, it was time for him to go. Here is our new pastor and he promises to bring us great sermons from the Word of God and there will be a great welcoming picnic after church."

Does the above story happen in churches throughout this land?

You bet, and it sends a message to other pastors in their city that if you confront the church on abortion you may be out of a JOB. I know of many pastors who have lost churches because they wanted to stop child killing. I know of Catholic priests who have been assigned to parishes far away from killing centers just to keep them quiet about abortion.

Today, the unborn children seem to be the least of our brothers and sisters. They are held captive in their mother's wombs and they are begging for our help. It is as if Jesus was in the womb Himself begging for our help. Would we come to the mill if we thought it really was our Lord in each mother's womb brought in to be slaughtered. Or would we just turn

away and pretend it wasn't happening to Him?

I feel sorry for pastors that really try to do something to stand against evil; that do come out to the death camps and try to save the children, but are rejected by those that they love the most. Come the Great White Throne Day those pastors will be standing on the right side of our Lord and those that he tried to motivate will be on the left.

If you have a good pastor, one that stands up for those in need because he truly loves them, then help him as much as you can because you have a real jewel.

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