



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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This week's Topic: The Temptation: Too Young to Parent



Education:

About 32% of abortions are chosen because the mother feels unready to parent a child.¹ Some teens are fearful of parents' reactions. Some parents want abortion for their daughter so she can continue with plans for college and a life free from single motherhood. Young single women have plans for education and career that a child would seriously disrupt. But giving birth to a child does not require parenting. One loving way to provide for a child is to make an adoption plan. Adoption gives the child a stable and loving home, and allows the mother to delay parenting until she is ready for that responsibility. Open or semi-open adoption allows the mother to have the peace of knowing how her child is doing. Of course continuing with the pregnancy will cause some inconvenience and perhaps delay in educational or other goals, but surely that is a small price to pay for preserving the life of a child.

1. Johnston, Wm. Robert, "Reasons Given for Having Abortions in the United States", retrieved from <http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/abreasons.html#9> on 8/18/11.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on young women who feel unready to accept responsibility for the child you have created in their womb. Help them to see adoption, not as abandonment of their child, but as a loving way to provide a good home for the child, if they are unable to do so themselves. Bless adoption agencies with the resources they need to provide good counseling and help to the mothers who come to them. Guide them in their work to find wonderful families to provide homes for the children. Guide the process of choosing an adoptive family for each child according to your will and providence.



Action: Never refer to adoption in a negative way, as abandonment, or "giving a baby away". Recognize adoption as a loving choice of a birth parent as well as of the adoptive family. A child who joined a family by adoption should be referred to as "was adopted" rather than "is adopted." Consider a donation to an adoption agency.