



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Are You Prepared to Share the Pro-Life View?

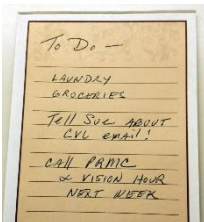


Education: Do you avoid talking about abortion because you don't want to start an argument? Do think people have made up their minds and are not open to change? The fact is that many people have become pro-choice without a lot of serious thought. If they are in fact reasonable people, they may be quite open to new ways of looking at the issue. But it is important to **find common ground** and avoid the atmosphere of debate – I'm right and you're wrong – where they will get defensive. For example, let's suppose a friend says that she's pro-choice; women should be able to control their bodies. Rather than immediately telling her how wrong abortion is, you could ask her if she thinks abortion should be legal up until birth. Most Americans will say no, so you can then ask why she thinks late term abortion should be illegal. Perhaps it is because when the baby could survive outside the womb, he or she is just not that different from a newborn. So you can agree with her that a well-developed baby deserves protection. You can then ask where she draws a line between when abortion should be legal and when it should be illegal. If the well-developed child deserves protection, why does the slightly less developed child not deserve protection? If you go back one day at a time, where could you ever draw a line?

The pro-life viewpoint can be well defended by simple logic and reason. If you establish common ground, maintain a respectful attitude, and are willing to listen, a productive dialog can be very effective in helping those who are pro-choice to change their minds.



Prayer: Dear Jesus, Please call many loving individuals to train themselves to speak effectively to their pro-choice friends, family members, and co-workers. Help them to be well prepared to confidently speak about abortion and other life issues. Help them to always show love and respect, and to refrain from judging others who have been misled or deceived about abortion. Please use the Christian Voices for Life Voice for Life volunteer program as well as the resources from Justice for All and the Equal Rights Institutes as your instrument to spread the truth about abortion and help more and more of our community come to understand the evil of abortion and the terrible harm it does in our society.



Action: Learn about the many resources available to help you become more effective in defending the pro-life position. Check out the videos available from [Live Action](#) and the online materials available from [Life Training Institute](#) (LTI), both available at no cost, and can be watched or read on your own timing. LTI also sells a book, *The Case for Life*, by Scott Klusendorf, available at Amazon. Another resource is the [Equipped for Life video course](#) available at Equal Rights Institute for \$49 for a single person, or \$299 for a group of 10, or \$399 for a group of 30. The videos are generally 2 to 9 minutes long, each devoted to making a single point, but arranged in 10 modules of 2- 8 videos on related topics. Videos can only be watched online, but audio versions can be downloaded.