In the past, the USA has pressured other countries to join us in the push for world wide abortion. We have openly refused to send aid or trade with them unless they adopted an open abortion policy in their nation similar to ours. This concept was pushed heavily in the mid to late 1990’s.

I will be quite honest with you at this point and freely admit to you that I have personally become a “One Issue Voter.” My primary concern about the leaders in my community, state or nation, are this: where do they stand on the issue of abortion?

For me, how they feel about immigration, crime, or social needs is eclipsed by their stance on abortion.

During the last presidential election, we had a poor selection of candidates at best. Jill Stein, running on the Green party platform, was decidedly pro-abortion. Gary Johnson, representing the Libertarian Party, believed a woman had the right to choose abortion until late in the pregnancy. Hillary Clinton, Democrat, was as strong a proponent of abortion as anyone I have ever seen.

One candidate was pro-life—Donald Trump. For all of his flaws, or his personal life failures in his past, he stood proudly and solidly against abortion. And his vice-presidential running mate, Mike Pence, was even more conservative! That sole issue guided my vote. For me, all of the other issues pale in comparison—all of the other issues!

I firmly believe that we as a nation will answer to God one day for our acceptance of abortion here in the US. As I read the Bible and study the nations mentioned there that have since disappeared, it is notable that their final act of rebellion that brought God’s patience to an end, was the act of child sacrifice.

Too many children have been sacrificed in our country on the altar of abortion.

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**So, What Kinds Of Stuff Do We Place In The Gray Areas Of Life?**

As I think back on how things have changed in just my life time, I can’t help but wonder where we are headed as a nation.

Abortion became legal in the US in January 1973. Since that time, in the US, nearly 60 million children have lost their lives to this medical procedure. The number of abortions in the US peaked around 1990 and has gradually been declining since that time. But we still kill nearly a million children each year.

Of those who choose abortion, a significantly higher proportion are black and Hispanic. Since 1973, 18.5 million black babies have lost their lives to abortion. The woman who started Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, was an avowed racist and even spoke at KKK rallies!

By far, most of the women who get an abortion are poor. The statistics say that a poor woman is 5 times more likely to get an abortion.

And this may be the most under reported aspect of abortion. Women who have had abortions are 3 times more likely to commit suicide. Teens who have had an abortion are 10 times more like to take their life. They are 81% more likely to have mental health issues.

And yet we see in the news stories of famous people proudly proclaiming that they were “proud to have had an abortion”.

World wide, the statistics become even more profound and saddening. Since 1980, over 1.5 billion babies have been aborted.

1.5 BILLION!!!!

How can we even sleep at night, knowing this continues?

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We likewise, should be so familiar with God’s Word that we recognize immediately when something does not look quite right or normal and avoid being caught in the trap. I make my traps as enticing as I possibly can, adding food and placing them as conveniently as possible for the animal to consider. Satan uses the identical game plan. He knows what works and uses the perfect bait for his prey, placing it at a very handy location.

We are especially susceptible to compromise through wrong relationships. We develop friendships with those who can, and will, drag us down. It is a fine balance between showing Christian love and embracing sin. We are told in the New Testament that *they will know we are Christians by our love for one another.* And that is indeed true. But at what point do we identify unacceptable sin in another person’s life and say, “I cannot condone, nor accept what you are doing because your actions might be interpreted as acceptable and be imitated by another person who is watching.” Paul addressed more than once the sexual sins that were being tolerated in the local churches. We still struggle with that very issue today.

Satan is an expert in gray. He can take a large amount of good, mix in a little bit of bad, and entice us with the deadly mixture. As we respond to Satan’s ploys, he gradually leads us into the shaded area on the picture. And before we realize, we are living in a false reality. We look at square “B” and tell ourselves it must be OK. But it’s not. The first things that come to my mind are the behaviors that are not just tolerated by society today, but proclaimed to be worthy of notable praise. Sins that God chastised Israel for many years ago, are hailed by our society today. Homosexuality, single gender marriages, fluid gender identity, abortion, sexual promiscuity—all were clearly proclaimed wrong by God, and yet we see even in the church today, acceptance and support. When will we return to the original black and white checkerboard of what is truly right and wrong? Or will we continue in the Satanic shadows of our culture.

