

I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. Psalm 101:3 NLT

3. The Issue of the _____

Certainly you made my mind and heart; you wove me in my mother's womb. My bones were not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and sewed together in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:13, 15 NET

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV

Our conversations about the value of life must begin with _____ to one another.

The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quiet. Proverbs 10:19 GNT

Fools find no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing their opinion. Proverbs 18:2 CEB

Those who answer before they listen are foolish and disgraceful. Proverbs 18:13 CEB

As followers of Jesus, we must communicate in a way that _____ and _____.

Memory Verse

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21a NET

Next Step:

- I will listen and speak in a way that glorifies God and reflects Christ.

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TIP OF THE ICEBERG

How to Talk About Difficult Issues without Drowning

Life Matters

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We often handle difficult issues in one of two ways:

We _____ them all together

Avoidance coping involves trying to avoid _____ rather than _____ with them.

We become _____ and _____

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters! Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. For human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

James 1:19-20 NET

God's Design for Tackling Tough Issues:

That evening they heard the Lord God walking in the garden, and they hid from Him among the trees. Genesis 3:8 GNB

When God entered the garden, He _____ His children.

The woman said to him, "I know the Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus told her, "I am he, and I am speaking with you now."

John 4:25-26 GW

When Jesus discussed difficult issues at the well, He offered _____.

Difficult Issues of our Day:

1. The Issue of _____

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." Genesis 1:27-28

There are six things that the Lord hates, even seven things that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift to run to evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a person who spreads discord among family members. Proverbs 6:16-19 NET

Your eyes saw me when I was inside the womb. Psalm 139:16a NET

- From 1973 to 2017 – more than _____ lives have been lost to abortion
- Nine out of ten abortions are performed in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy

Our conversations about abortion must be abundant in _____ and _____.

Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal. Proverbs 12:18 GNT

He will once again have compassion on us; he will tread down our iniquities. You will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19 CEB

2. The Issue of _____

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. This includes sex trafficking, forced labor and domestic servitude.

- An estimated _____ children in the USA are sexually exploited into prostitution every year.
- The pornography industry is a leading cause of human trafficking.
- There are _____ pornography sites with 370 million pages generating \$3,000 per second in revenue.

Now as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave girl met us who had a spirit that enabled her to foretell the future by supernatural means. She brought her owners a great profit by fortune-telling. Acts 16:16 NET

Our conversations about purity must be abundant in _____ and _____.

But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing. 1 John 1:9 GNT