

James 5:16 - "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

STEP 1: Spiritual Preparation

1. Pray believing for results before you go out and remember, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." **John 4:4**
2. Spend time meditating on scripture before you go. **John 15:7** - "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

STEP 2: Physical preparation

1. Bring: Pocket new testament, mints, tissues, brochures, tracts, pad and pencil.
2. Look neat, clean and attractive in appearance.
3. Go in two's or more. Often more effective without any signs.
4. Have list of nearest Pro-Life Centers; find out when they are open; where to go for free pregnancy test, legal help, financial help, adoption counseling, doctors, housing and food. Do your homework!
5. Be willing to take the girls to a local Center, out for coffee, and if necessary to your home.

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but perfect love casts out all fear."

STEP 3: How to Approach a Girl

- Tell her about the free test at the local (Birthright, Life-Center, Crisis Pregnancy Center, etc.). Give her their card.
- If a couple approaches, divide them and counsel them separately.
- Almost any sincere person can be successful in this effort.

HERE ARE TWO SUGGESTED APPROACHES:

(You'll develop your own.)

1. "Hi, my name is _____. Are you going to the clinic? I'd like just a minute of your time... Here is some material we pass out to everyone going in here. It's pertaining to your health. Let's look at this pamphlet..."
Give literature to them. Urge them to let you take them to the nearest Pro-Life Center.

REMEMBER James 1:5 - "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God and it shall be given him."

- If the Lord leads you, use this sample approach:
- 2. "Hello, my name is _____. Are you going to the clinic? Do you believe in God? Did you know that God's Word has a lot to say about abortion? (Point to 1 John 2:3) "And hereby we do know that we know Him. If we keep His commandments." One of the commandments of God is "Thou shall not kill," (Ex. 20:13). Because we belong to God and we are His temple, we must bring honor to Him by living according to His Word. Taking the life of anyone is going against His will, especially an innocent unborn baby... Whatever you need, I am sure we can help you somehow. Can you share with me why you are here now?..."

Some Scriptures that might help:

Human life begins at conception.

- The Psalmist uses the personal pronoun "me" when he says "For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb" - **Psalm 139:13**
- And again, "Thou art He who didst bring me forth from the womb." **Psalm 22:9**

The entity in the womb is a baby.

- "When the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy." - **Luke 1:44**

The child in the womb is a person.

- "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..." - **Jeremiah 1:5**

John 8:32 - "*Know the truth and the truth shall set you free.*"

STEP 4: Sharing the Dangerous Effects of Abortion

Counselor to girl: "There are a lot of things you probably don't know about the procedures and what can happen to your body after an abortion." The counseling here is one-sided. "If they had shown you what we show you, chances are they would go out of business!"

- Share any facts you know about that clinic.
- Go over "Did you know?" or "Life and Death."

Dangers of Abortion to Know and Share:

Ten percent of all women become sterile after a legal abortion. Tubal pregnancies, miscarriages, premature births and deformed babies are greatly increased because of abortion. Why? Because abortion is very unnatural. The machine used in the procedure is 29 times the force of a vacuum cleaner. The baby is very firmly attached inside the walls of the mother's uterus. It takes a great force to remove the baby and this has to damage the woman's uterus greatly. The cervical muscle is closed especially tight when a woman is pregnant to protect the baby. This means that several instruments must be used to force the muscle open before removing the baby. Many muscle fibers are torn in the process and this often results in a woman not being able to carry the weight of a full term baby later in life. There is a knife at the end of the tube that is inserted in the woman which can perforate the uterus. This knife has to cut the baby to pieces because he is too big to fit into the tube. This could cause hemorrhage, even death, for the mother.

Colossians 3:23 - "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men...for we serve the Lord."

STEP 5: Important Tips

1. Only one person speak at a time. NEVER, NEVER interrupt or contradict a speaker while he/she is counseling. Pray while he/she speaks.
2. While at a clinic, keep in prayer constantly - greater results will come if you pray. Fellowship after you are gone - work first! (**Jude 20-21**)
3. Try not to get discouraged if you are ignored, called names, or if you do not see immediate results.
4. Never return an insult with an insult. (**1 Peter 2:23**) Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins. (**Proverbs 10:12**)
5. If a girl goes in, keep praying. Some change their minds and come out! One such girl came out saying that the abortionist was shaking too badly to work and he didn't know why. She changed her mind and chose life.

1 John 3:16-17 - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

STEP 6: Follow-Up

- Make sure there is a phone number they can call any time.
- If you have a turn-around, you must always try to follow her up by calling the next day. Get her phone number and/or address. Pray for her! Perhaps visit her. Ask her if she would like a visit from your church. Try and help meet her needs.

Mark 16:15 - "And he said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature'."

STEP 7: Lead an individual to Jesus Christ

ASK: "If you were to die today, do you know where you would spend eternity?"

ASK: "If the Lord Jesus Christ were to come knock on the door of your home, would you let him come inside?"

If they say "yes," say "Did you know that the Lord Jesus is now knocking at the door of your heart and wants to come into your life right now...?"

Here is a sample prayer that you can have them pray with you:

Dear Lord, I need you in my life. Take control of me and make me what you want me to be. I believe you paid for all my sins when you shed your blood on the cross. I now stand forgiven and worthy and one of your children because you love me and gave yourself for me.

Amen.

(John 3:16, Rev. 3:20, John 1:12, Rom. 10:9-10).

Follow up!

Take to Church

Call - Write - Visit!

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SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR VISUAL PROTESTS

1. Don't block the entrance or driveways. Move quickly across driveways.
2. Don't trespass on private property.
3. Don't attempt to physically stop girls or employees from entering buildings. This could be an assault.
4. Don't get into physical or verbal confrontations or force literature. Back off when necessary.
5. Don't be a name caller - "Your're a murderer!" Undue harassment.
6. Always have one designated leader who will choose himself or others to: be media spokesperson, to counsel, talk with police or clinic personnel.
7. Have a time of prayer before you go.
8. Keep moving in an orderly manner - all in one direction in a circle.
9. Don't be intimidated by clinic workers asking for your name (refuse), handing out subpoenas, taking pictures, etc.
10. Have a back-up Pro-life attorney available if possible.
11. Contact the local police to see if there are any special ordinances to be aware of.
12. We recommend that there only be 3 - 4 people at a time sidewalk counselling.
13. Our primary purpose is to be a witness for Christ. Dt. 4:26

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One on One

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