## Proverbs 14:34

## One Nation Under Reproach

Undebatably responsible ...

- I. The Nation
  - A. Our Constitution
  - B. Our Rights
- II. Agencies
  - A. Pro-Abortion
  - B. Pro-Life
- III. The Church
  - A. Ignorant + Complicit
  - B. Aware & Active
- IV. Individuals
  - A. Abortionists
  - B. Their "Clients"
  - C. Me & You
- ... for helpless babies.

## Children, Listen ...

- 1. Whose image are people created in?
- 2. Is human life valuable?
- 3. Should babies in mommy's tummies be protected from harm?
- 4. We have at least three pregnant women in our church right now. Will you take a minute to pray for them today?

## Layers of Responsibility

The practice of abortion involves many layers of responsibility. The initial responsibility lies with an individual who decides for whatever reason to terminate her unwanted pregnancy and, in some cases, her partner. Others such as family members and friends are complicit when they approve and sometimes insist on abortion – while others bear guilt when fear and rejection due to pregnancy itself drives women to take desperate measures. The church plays its own part through its various influences or lack thereof. The medical community and organizations that offer such "services" bear responsibility as does as culture allows for the availability of such resources. And our government and many of our leaders were and are responsible for not only legalizing abortion on demand but funding it, and some openly applauding it. Despite some minor positive trends and small advances in the pro-life cause things have gotten worse and are definitely headed in a despicable direction in our country. Guilt abounds at every level of society. Confession of this grievous sin and genuine repentance is desperately needed in every realm of culpability. True Christians and the faithful church have been and can be instrumental in the pro-life cause. Todays message serves as a reminder of the sanctity of human life according to God, the fact that there is forgiveness for such sin through genuine repentance, AND that for things to change, engagement with every level of society on the part of the church is vital to any hope of success in protecting the lives of unborn children.

Find out what you can do to help locally ...

Lakeshore Pregnancy Center / Positive Options https://www.lpcenters.com/get-involved 616-396-8127

Holland Area Right to Life 616-396-1037