

**“GUARD LIFE !”**  
**(First Things First – Week 4)**  
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**“Sanctity” = “The state or quality of being holy, sacred or saintly.”**  
**“Of ultimate importance and inviolability.”**

**What does the Bible say?**

**I. Human life is PRECIOUS to God:**

- **He created human life UNIQUELY in his image:**

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

- **He placed high value on human life by prohibiting MURDER :**

*You shall not murder. Exodus 20:13*

- **Jesus affirmed the VALUE of human life over law & animals:**

*How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Matthew 12:12*

- **Jesus showed COMPASSION for the suffering because he valued them:**

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:35-36*

**II. God CREATED life:**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. Genesis 1:1, 26*

### **III. God knows and CARES about the pre-born:**

- **He FORMS life in the mother's womb:**

*You knit me together in my mother's womb for you created my inmost being. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

*Psalm 139:13-14*

*This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:*

*Isaiah 44:24*

- **He knows and has a PURPOSE for every life in the womb:**

*The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

*Jeremiah 1:4–5*

- **He set PAUL apart while in his mother's womb:**

*But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace ...*

*Galatians 1:15*

### **IV. God expects us to PROTECT life:**

*Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward the slaughter. If you say, “but we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know what? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?*

*Proverbs 24: 11-12*

### **V. God will LOVE you if you have made a mistake in your past:**

*John 8:3-11*

**Love is the ONLY force that will triumph over our national tragedy of abortion. *1Corinthians 13:1-3***

**Life MATTERS to God.**

**Let's do ALL we can to celebrate and protect life!**