



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 10/29/2023

Children are a gift from the Lord.

Psalms 127:3

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

We believe in the sanctity of life.

Luke 1:15B

He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.

Luke 1:39-44

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy."

God never said "it's your body, do whatever you want with it."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body.

Romans 12:2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person** by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

A different kind of honor.

Romans 12:9-10

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

A different perspective of trials.

Romans 12:11-12

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

A different standard of unity.

Romans 12:13

When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:14-16

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other.

A different level of humility.

Romans 12:16b-18

...Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

C.S. Lewis

“True Humility Is Not Thinking Less of Yourself, It's Thinking of Yourself Less.”

What area is God calling you to be different?