

Word of God Ministry Church Under The Son

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Assisted Suicide

One of the most difficult things in life is watching a loved one suffer. Medical advances may actually bring confusion - life can be prolonged in situations where people in the past would certainly have died. Assisted suicide, “mercy killing,” and “quality of life” have become hotly debated issues. The Bible is very clear, however, about the value of human life.

- God Controls Life And Death

Job 14:5 ⁵Since his days are determined, The numbers of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

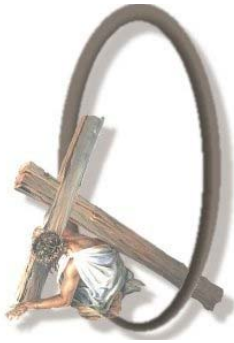
God has authority over life and death. He has appointed our time to die. God knew us before we were born - and planned the number of our days: “*And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them*” (*Psalms 139:16*).

We are created in God’s image (Genesis 1:26, 27). Billy Graham has said, “We aren’t just animals or physical beings! We are spiritual beings as well . . . Life is a sacred gift from God, and we must not defile that gift by destroying it. Life is not to be ended casually or for our own convenienceWhen I think of suffering and hopelessness I often remember Job in the Old Testament. No one (except Jesus) ever suffered more - and yet not once did Job consider taking his own life. In fact, he explicitly refused to consider it when his wife urged him to do so (see Job 2:9, 10)Although we may suffer, we know this life is not all - and that gives us hope. Ahead of us is Heaven, and what happens now is only temporary.”

- Trusting God In Suffering

Romans 11:33 ³³Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

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If you are faced with the difficult decision of assisting in the death of a loved one, pray and ask God to enable you to trust Him with that person's life. Ask God to work in the spiritual realm in ways you cannot see and accomplish His work. What God does may be "unsearchable" to our human minds. He can see the past and future as clearly as the present and why certain events belong to a higher wisdom and purpose. He can fully understand suffering. The events of our lives are not just random, senseless acts of nature or of human failure. God, who is far wiser and more powerful than we are, is in control and is carrying out His wise plans. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).*

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