

A Biblical Guide to the Sanctity of Life and Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD)

1. God Is the Author of Life

Scripture teaches that life begins with God and is sustained by Him.

- Genesis 2:7 — “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...”
- Psalm 139:13–14 — “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb...”
- Colossians 1:16–17 — “...all things were created through him and for him... and in him all things hold together.”

Key Truth: Life is not self-created or self-owned—it is a gift from God.

2. Every Person Bears God’s Image

Human life has inherent dignity because every person is made in the image of God.

- Genesis 1:27 — “So God created man in his own image...”
- Genesis 9:6 — “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.”

Key Truth: Every human life—regardless of age, health, or ability—has immeasurable value.

3. God Alone Has Authority Over Life and Death

The timing of life and death belongs to God, not man.

- Deuteronomy 32:39 — “I kill and I make alive...”
- 1 Samuel 2:6 — “The Lord kills and brings to life...”
- Job 12:10 — “In his hand is the life of every living thing...”
- Psalm 104:29-30 — “...when you take away their breath, they die... when you send forth your Spirit, they are created...”

Key Truth: Taking life into our own hands—whether our own or another’s—is a rejection of God’s authority.

4. God Forbids the Taking of Innocent Life

The command against murder reflects God’s moral law.

- Exodus 20:13 — “You shall not murder.”
- Proverbs 6:16-17 — “These six things the Lord hates...hands that shed innocent blood...”
- Ecclesiastes 7:17 — “Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time?”

Key Truth: Scripture does not present suicide or assisted suicide as morally permissible.



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Psalm 139:13-14

5. Suffering Does Not Nullify Life's Value

God is present and purposeful even in suffering.

- Romans 5:3–4 — “...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character...”
- 2 Corinthians 4:16–17 — “...this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory...”
- Psalm 34:18 — “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted...”

Key Truth: Pain and suffering are real, but they do not remove God's purpose or presence in our lives.

6. Our Lives Belong to God

We are not our own; we belong to the Lord in life and in death.

- Romans 14:7–8 — “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself... we are the Lord's.”
- 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 — “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”

Key Truth: Life is entrusted to us by God, not controlled by us.

7. The Christian Response: Life, Hope, and Truth

Followers of Christ are called to uphold life and offer hope.

- Matthew 5:14–16 — “You are the light of the world...”
- Philippians 2:15 — “...shine as lights in the world...”
- John 14:6 — Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Key Truth: Christians are called to defend life, speak truth, and point others to the hope found in Christ.

Summary

- God creates life, sustains life, and determines its end.
- Every person is made in God's image and has inherent worth.
- Taking human life—whether one's own or another's—violates God's design.
- Even in suffering, life has purpose, and God is present.

Bottom Line

Medical assistance in dying and physician-assisted suicide contradict the clear teaching of Scripture that life is sacred, God-given, and under His authority alone.