

Hard Questions About Disturbing Abortion Photos

Why does CBR display disturbing abortion photos?

No injustice has ever been eradicated by covering it up. William Wilberforce and Thomas Clarkson used images to end the slave trade, because words alone did not work. Alice Seeley Harris used pictures to end atrocities in the Congo. Lewis Hine used pictures to end abusive child labor. Martin Luther King said that America would not reject racism until America saw racism, and his niece Dr. Alveda King now says that America will never reject abortion until America sees abortion.

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. (Proverbs 24:11)

What about compassion for the post-abortive women who might see the photos?

It is never compassionate to hide the truth when babies' lives and women's souls are at stake. Dr. Alveda King has had two abortions, and she wants women to see the pictures so they can avoid the pain that she has felt. We know that abortion photos save babies from abortion and spare mothers from unbearable pain. Further, many post-abortive women have reported that seeing abortion photos was their first step to repentance and healing. So we must ask which is more compassionate, (a) exposing the truth so that post-abortive women can be healed, pre-abortive women can be spared, and babies can be saved, or (b) hiding the truth so the killing never ends?

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it — I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while — yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (II Corinthians 7:8-10)

What about small children who might see the photos?

CBR does not target children with our abortion photos, but they cannot always anticipate when a child may inadvertently see the photos. The parents set the tone for what happens next. Parents who understand God's

heart regarding abortion can use it as a teaching moment and calmly explain this is an evil that breaks God's heart and we must compassionately and sacrificially help save babies from abortion. A parent who is not prepared to give an answer can advise the child to look away.

In CBR's experience, if a parent explodes in anger, the child will be distressed more by the parent's behavior than the images. The parent may be projecting his/her own history with abortion onto his/her child.

Children as young as middle school are getting pregnant and having abortions, yet seeing abortion photos can protect them from aborting their babies. It is far worse to allow the wholesale slaughter of a million children each year than to risk the possible discomfort of some children.

Children saw Jesus' battered and bloody body as he carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to Calvary. He died on the cross publicly to show the price He had to pay for our sins. Should we keep our children from knowing the truth that could spare many lives from abortion?

*Assemble the people — men, women **and children**, and the foreigners residing in your towns — so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 31:12)*

Why is Deeper Still, a leading post-abortion healing ministry, associated with the display of abortion photos?

Many post-abortive mothers have said that God used abortion photos to bring them to repentance, peace with God, and eventual healing. This is what happened with Irene van der Wende, the founder of CBR-Netherlands. Deeper Still has also counseled women who sought help because they saw CBR's abortion photos in the public square. People in denial can't find healing. Also, post abortive mothers are at risk to abort again, compounding the trauma. Further, if we don't force Americans to see abortion, then the killing will never end. When CBR shows abortion photos, we know babies and moms are saved. We also know hearts and minds are changed.

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)