

“Stewards of Life”

Psalm 8:1-9

Sermon Notes – January 20, 2013

Introduction: Three Stories

_____ - Based Value

“In the Bible, it is by virtue of man’s intrinsic nature and his exalted position apart from and over creation – being made in God’s image – that humans possess value as persons.” – Dr. Paul Fowler, PCA Theologian and Pastor

Bearing God’s _____

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. – Genesis 1:26, 27

Every Person Inherently _____?

The _____ ?

“... do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother.” – Deuteronomy 15:7

“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart.... There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.” – Deuteronomy 15:10, 11

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” – Luke 4:18

Little _____ and the Handicapped?

Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. – Psalm 127:3

“Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?” – Exodus 4:11

“...the eyes of the blind [will] be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.” – Isaiah 35:5,6

“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.” – Matthew 11:5

The _____ ?

“Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.” – Leviticus 19:32

“A gray head is a crown of glory....” “...the glory of sons is their fathers.” “Do not despise your mother when she is old.” – Proverbs 16:31; 17:6; 23:22

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.” – Exodus 20:12

“Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails.” – Psalm 71:9

Sanctity of Life or _____ of Life?

“I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.” – Jesus (John 10:10 NASB)