

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK:

SATAN'S DIRTY SECRET #1

The damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ victims – moms, dads, grandparents, siblings or friends of mom or dad, siblings of aborted child, future generations, workers in abortion clinics, abortion survivors, society at large. Every one of us is impacted by abortion in one way or another.

1. On a broad scope, abortion devalues \_\_\_\_\_, born and unborn. So, it is not just the problem of those involved directly or indirectly. It is everyone's problem, especially the \_\_\_\_\_'s as we'll discuss in a bit. I know people of my generation who were told by their mom that they wished they aborted them. The very option of abortion devalues human life.
2. When we realize how far-reaching abortion's tentacles are, we'll begin to take ownership and recognize the roles we can *individually* and \_\_\_\_\_ play in overcoming it.
3. Knowing this, the paradox is that \_\_\_\_\_ is often the first emotion experienced following abortion. Relief often coincides with denial.

In our last class we talked about how abortion affects moms. This class will focus on the collateral damage on those closest to the situation, the dads, grandparents, and siblings, as well as future generations.

4. The Dad
  - a. The dad is affected in different ways depending on level of \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ of grief.  
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  - b. If he pressured the mom to abort, he also may initially feel relief and many of the same aspects of \_\_\_\_\_ that the mom experiences.
  - c. If he did not want the mom to abort, he will likely skip over most of the symptoms of denial and move directly into \_\_\_\_\_ and possibly \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- d. Possible symptoms dads experience include:

Grave concern for their partner's well-being, Inability to communicate with their partner about the experience, Risk-taking behaviors, Impotence, Grieving and sadness, Obsessive thoughts of the lost child, Desire for another child and subsequent behavior to try to achieve that goal, Suicidal ideation or behavior, Inability to sort out the feelings they are experiencing,

**Emotional abuse and/or spousal battering**, Pro-life or pro-choice activism.<sup>1</sup> Dads also may experience rage, addictions, nightmares, struggles with relationships, inability to trust friends, sexual compulsions/dysfunction, sleeplessness, fear of failure or rejection, loneliness, numbness,<sup>2</sup> guilt and shame, self-hatred, greater tendencies to becoming angry or violent, self-esteem and confidence problems, fear of relationships, and a sense of lost manhood.<sup>3</sup>

5. \_\_\_\_\_ – **of the aborted child** react differently depending on involvement. All roles have consequences.
- Parents who *encouraged* or \_\_\_\_\_ their child to abort – Can experience many of the same effects as their child.
  - Parents who *did not* \_\_\_\_\_ their child was pregnant and aborted – There may be obvious changes in the attitudes of their child and relationship disturbances of which the parents never know the root cause.
  - Parents who *allowed* their child to make their own \_\_\_\_\_ about aborting – Often there is guilt for not being more involved.
  - Parents who actively tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the abortion but had no legal standing – Much more susceptible to pain and family trauma. Grief is immediate and profound.
  - Parents who find out \_\_\_\_\_ that their son or daughter lost a child to abortion – Possibly many of the same effects as their child or the same as those who allowed them to make their own choice.<sup>4</sup>
6. \_\_\_\_\_ – **of the Aborted Child** are affected by mom's or dad's treatment of them or by learning some children are wanted and others are not.
- By aborting one child all children may be \_\_\_\_\_ in a family or treated differently than they would be. They may be *abused, neglected, or obsessed* over in some way.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ were the first generation to be completely optional. Any of their siblings could have been aborted.
  - One of the common validations for abortion is to prevent child abuse or neglect. But in 1978, Canadian Psychiatrist, Dr. Philp G. Ney found that abortion
    - decreases an individual's instinctual restraint against \_\_\_\_\_ toward dependents in one's care.
    - diminishes cultural taboo against *aggressing* toward the defenseless.

<sup>1</sup> Men and Abortion. Cited (7/3/17). Online: <http://www.menandabortion.info/l0-aftermath.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Guy Condon, David Hazard, *Fatherhood Aborted: The Profound Effects of Abortion on Men* (Carol Stream, IL: Tydale House, 2001), 27-28.

<sup>3</sup> C.T. Coyle, Ph.D., *Men and Abortion - A Path to Healing* (Toronto, Ontario: Life Cycle Books, 1999).

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.abortionrecovery.org/abortionaffects/grandparents/tabid/235/Default.aspx>

COLLATERAL DAMAGE: WHO AND WHAT ELSE IS AFFECTED?

- iii. Increases \_\_\_\_\_ between the generations.
  - iv. *Devalues* children, therefore the value of caring for them.
  - v. increases guilt and self-hatred, which the parent takes out on the *child*.
  - vi. increases hostile frustration between sexes with children as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - vii. cuts the developing mother-infant \_\_\_\_\_, diminishing mothering capability.
- d. Even if a child never learns of an aborted sibling, they will likely experience \_\_\_\_\_ one or more outcome of what was discovered by Dr. Ney.
- e. A child who finds out their mom or dad aborted a sibling without being gently told and given room to process, may experience their own \_\_\_\_\_. Even if they are told lovingly, they need time and space to process and for their parent(s) to follow up with how they are feeling.
- f. Future Generations: Child-abuse and neglect are often \_\_\_\_\_. If the root cause of the abuse is never identified and healed, there is a high likelihood that it will be passed down to the next generation.
- Relationships – Parent – child (gen up and down), marriages, romantic partnerships, relationship with God, doctor-patient
  - Society at large

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