

Bioethics and the Christian Life

QUESTIONS: WEEK 1 (February 7)

Introduction: The Christian Confronts Bioethics (11-19)

1. What ambiguities does technological advance cause? (11-12)
 2. What are some of the reasons Christians tend to want black and white answers?
 3. Are there simple or easy answers to bioethical questions? (13)
 4. What is the purpose of this book? What does it not address? (13)
 5. What is unique about the approach of this book? (14-16) Why is an issue oriented approach inadequate?
 6. Why are virtue and character important in bioethical decisions? (15)
 7. What is the theological foundation of this book? (16).
 8. What is the source of the virtues and theology of this book, and a true Christian ethic? (17, the Bible)
 9. What are the five general approaches to the relationship of Christian bioethics and secular bioethics? (24)
 10. What are the weaknesses of the *Secular Bioethics Only* approach? (25)
 11. What are the weaknesses of the *Christian Bioethics Only* approach? (25-26)
 12. What are the weaknesses of the *Secular and Christian Bioethics Identical* approach? (26-7)
 13. What are the weaknesses of the *Secular and Christian Bioethics Radically Different* approach? (27-8)
 14. What are the weaknesses of the *Secular Bioethics and Christian Bioethics Distinct but Legitimate* approach? (28-9)
 15. Which perspective does VanDrunen take? (29). Why? (29-30)
 16. How does VanDrunen defend this assertion? (29-32)
 17. Besides bearing testimony for Christ over against the evil forces of this world what other crucial responsibility do Christians have? (33-36)
 18. Why do unbelievers value human life and seek to protect it? (35). Where does Scripture teach this?
 19. What results should Christians expect from engagement in bioethical discussion in the public square? (36)
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