

# Too Many Births

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The United Nations has declared that our climate is threatened by too many babies being born. The very act of breathing on their part and the potential for them to grow up and reproduce other breathing children is a threat to our planet! they say.

On the other hand, Pat Buchanan documents the depopulation of the West in Death of the West saying that first world birth rates are already so low that it is not likely that our descendants can recover. Mathematically, the steeper the dive, the more difficult it is to turn it around. China of course limits their families to one child. They use propaganda, birth control and abortion and the force of law to control the number of babies born. In the Western countries, we use propaganda, birth control, and abortion but so far we are permitted to choose. (One Canadian legislator is already calling for a law like China's). Nevertheless, our women are choosing not only smaller families but more often they are opting to have no children. Pat's conclusion is that the West's only hope is that Western women be converted to the idea that the "Good Life" can be found bearing and raising large families.

Cherishing children is the mark of a robust and thriving civilization. That is exactly what the Bible teaches. In the Bible, the truly blessed family is the large family. **It is the house built by the Lord as in Psalm 127. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."** Solomon calls the children an heritage of the Lord, fruit of the womb, and arrows in the hand of a mighty man. A large family makes a happy man as well as a confident man when facing his enemies. A large family is an asset, an inheritance given by the Lord who builds the house. A large family is like a bumper crop and the mother of several children is the champion who makes it possible. A house full of children are ultimately powerful weapons in the hands of their parents who raise them and prepare them for the battles of life.

Only the family can say "our children." The state has no legitimate claim on our children. Not even the church can claim dominion over the children. They belong to their parents and only to them. It does not matter how poor they might be. Their children are their own special heritage of the Lord.