



Ronald Sider. *Consistent.*

Perhaps no evangelical has raised a clearer voice for social justice than Ronald Sider. In 1978, he founded *Evangelicals for Social Action* (now *Christians for Social Action*), an organization that seeks biblical solutions for social justice issues.

Dr. Sider was a Canadian-born American theologian and longtime social activist. He was the Senior Distinguished Professor of Theology, Holistic Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA.

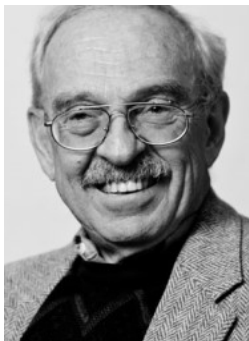
Dr. Sider was a strong voice for change. He organized the meeting that produced the now famous "Chicago Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern," in which church leaders repented for their failure to confront injustice, racism and discrimination against women, and pledged change. *TIME* magazine said it was probably the first time in the 20th century that 40 evangelical leaders spent a whole weekend discussing social action.

Sider's books are both provocative and inspiring. His book *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* was first published in 1977 (updated

in 1997), and was cited by *Christianity Today* as one of the 100 most influential books on religion in the 20th century.

Sider had an immense heart for the poor, and his teaching on poverty is internationally recognized. He did not mince words:

“It is a sinful abomination for one part of the world’s Christians to grow richer year by year while our brothers and sisters ache and suffer for lack of minimal health care, minimal education, and even—in some cases—enough food to escape starvation.”



In 1987, Sider published *Completely Pro-Life: Building a Consistent Stance* to “articulate a consistent pro-life stance on public policy issues that flows from a biblical definition of life.” He was an outspoken advocate for life issues.

Sider’s combination of orthodox evangelical practices and progressive politics made his voice unique and somewhat controversial. He put forth a theological argument that is pro-life, pro-peace, pro-poor, pro-racial justice, pro-family, and pro-environment.

Upon his death in 2022, *Christian Century* wrote: “The consensus of many friends and former colleagues is that Ron Sider...lived what he professed.”

Ronald Sider was *consistent*. Will you join him in standing for the protection of *all* life?

We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today’s world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty, and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a ‘consistent ethic of life.’ We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect in protecting the unprotected.



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