

## Ralph Reed undercuts his own organization by softening abortion stance

The Christian Coalition is on the verge of self-destruction ("Christian Coalition talks a bit softer, Nation, March 13).

In his interview with The Washington Times, Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed seems to be leading his organization back to the disastrous Big Tent concept, i.e., we taken anyone — abortionists, perverts, anyone who will vote Republican. To any Christian, pro-choice is pro-abortion and unqualified no-no.

Mr. Reed is leading the Christian Coalition as if it were a Republican club with some Christian goals rather than a Christian organization. The coalition should establish its priorities. Is it Christian first with conservative political leanings, or is it merely another Republican group?

There is no room for the support

of any pro-abortion candidate in any truly Christian organization. In the last election, the Christian Coalition actually supported some pro-choice candidates. Just last month at the Conservative Political Action Conference, Mr. Reed warned that pro-life voters would not accept a pro-choice candidate as the Republican Party's presidential or vice presidential nominee.

But according to your March 13 article, Mr. Reed said, "Any party big enough to have a majority is big enough to have a diversity of views." When pressed, he would not say if he could support a pro-choice politician running for vice president. If this isn't doublespeak characteristic of the slickest politician, I don't know what is.

The Christian Coalition should stop listening to its two-faced leader and return to Christian beliefs, i.e.,

1) abortion is wrong —period; and  
2) there should be a litmus test on moral values.

We use litmus tests all the time. Ladies who have hired illegal aliens and didn't pay their employees' Social Security don't get appointed to the Cabinet. Men who make racist remarks and tell racist jokes don't get appointed to the Cabinet. Doctors who are abortionists don't get appointed to be surgeon general. And candidates who don't oppose abortion should not get the votes of Christians. It's that simple.

If Mr. Reed persists in his on-again, off-again, maybe, sometimes, only if stand on abortion, he will be out in the cold with Christians. Mr. Reed should wake up before he destroys a fine Christian organization.

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