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Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 18)

The Fourth and Fifth Commandments of God

- Parents, Children and Citizens
- Life Belongs to God

The Fourth Commandment of God

- “Honor your father and mother”
 - Children have a responsibility or duty toward their parents to include obedience to their lawful authority
 - When parents get older children have a responsibility to provide care for them
 - After their death the children are to pray for the souls of their parents

The Fourth Commandment of God (Cont)

- Parents have responsibilities to provide Natural, Spiritual and Supernatural Needs to their children to include:
 - Providing for their physical care
 - Raising them to be good citizens
 - Providing for their intellectual development
 - Providing for their spiritual development
 - Baptism and the other sacraments
 - Religious education

The Fourth Commandment of God (Cont)

- We also are responsible for ourselves and our children to become good citizens
 - Obey the laws
 - Pay our taxes
- Being a good parent begins by being a good husband and wife and loving each other

The Fifth Commandment of God

- “You shall not kill”
 - Only God gives human life and only God can lawfully take it away except for:
 - Self-defense
 - **Just War theory**
 - *The nation must be defending its right in a grave matter*
 - *War is undertaken as a last resort*
 - *War is waged under the dictates of natural law and international law*
 - *War must be stopped as soon as due satisfaction has been given or offered by the unjust aggressor nation*

The Fifth Commandment of God (Cont)

- **Capital punishment**

- The Church teaches that lawful states may impose capital punishment in some instance
- Pope John Paul II as a private theologian proposed that there are only a few very primitive nations that do not have recourse to other means of punishing those who commit these crimes

The Fifth Commandment of God (Cont)

- **Sins against the 5th Commandment:**
 - Murder
 - Abortion
 - Euthanasia
 - Physical harm to another
 - Failure to maintain a healthy body
 - Hatred or unrighteous anger
 - Leading others to serious sin
 - Destroying another's reputation

The 10 Commandments

- I. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have
strange gods before Me
- II. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God
in vain
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day
- IV. Honor thy father and thy mother
- V. Thou shalt not kill
- VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery**
- VII. Thou shalt not steal**
- VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy
neighbor**
- IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife***
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods***

Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 19)

The **Sixth** and **Ninth** Commandments of God

- What do these two commandment prohibit?
 - Adultery
 - Coveting your neighbor's wife
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God

- “Do not commit adultery”
- “Do not covet your neighbor's wife”
 - Two extreme attitudes about the marital act
 - Hedonism – life is pleasure; sexual pleasure is for self-gratification (love things, use people)
 - Prudishness – sex is something evil or dirty
 - Platonism
 - Manicheism (Dualism)
 - Cathars /Albigensians/ Puritanism

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- The Church teaches that the marital act is:
 - A wonderful gift from God within marriage
 - A way to share in God's creative power
 - It only becomes sinful when performed outside of marriage
 - Adultery
 - Fornication
 - Masturbation
 - Clarified in *Humanae Vitae**

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- The virtue of Chastity - regulates all voluntary expressions of sexual pleasure in marriage
- Sins against Chastity in **thought**, word or deed are always serious
- The virtue of modesty causes a person to abstain from any action, words, and looks which are likely to arouse unlawfully the sexual appetites

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- When tempted remember:
 - There is no goodness without effort
 - Everyone is tempted and it is through the conquest of temptation that we grow in virtue
 - The bigger the temptation the more grace God will give us to resist it
 - We are never tempted beyond our capacity to resist
 - A temptation cannot cause us to sin

Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 20)

- The **Seventh** and **Tenth** Commandments of God
 - Mine and Thine
- What do these two commandment prohibit?
 - Stealing
 - Coveting your neighbor's goods
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- “Thou shalt not steal”
- “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods”
- These two commandments are related
 - Stealing is the voluntary taking or keeping of something that belongs to another against the owner’s reasonable will
 - A person can sin by deed **or by thought.**
 - Wanting or planning to steal something is a sin
 - Theft is stealing by stealth
 - Robbery is stealing by violence
- Borrowing is very different than stealing

The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- Ways of breaking these Commandments:
 - Breaking a valid oath
 - Incurring debt you cannot pay
 - Deliberately damaging another's property
 - Cheating
 - Underpaying employees
 - Accepting bribes
 - Receiving stolen goods
 - Keeping found articles without trying to find the owner

The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- We must be sorry for our sin, and we must attempt to make restitution
 - It must be made to the person who suffered the loss or his heir
 - A person may not profit by his own dishonesty
 - The stolen article needs to be repaid with any profit acquired