

2022 Spring Summer RCIA #9

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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

Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 21)

- The **Eighth** Commandment of God
 - Nothing But the Truth
- What does this commandment prohibit?
 - Bearing false witness against thy neighbor
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

The Eighth Commandment of God

- “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor”
 - Sins against this commandment include:
 - Sins of the mouth
 - **Slander or Calumny** - the making of false and defamatory statements in order to damage someone's reputation
 - **Detraction** – the unjust_damaging of another's good name by the revelation of some fault or crime of which that other is guilty
 - Gossip
 - Sins of the ear - Listening with pleasure to detraction or slander and saying nothing in their defense

The Eighth Commandment of God

- Making cutting remarks or name calling in the person's presence
- Any use of speech to present a falsehood about another
- We are not always obliged to tell all of the truth. In certain circumstances we may withhold the truth
 - Priest - Confessor
 - Doctor - Patient
 - Lawyer - Client
 - A child at home alone

The Eighth Commandment of God

- It is also sinful to
 - Reveal secrets entrusted to you to someone else
 - Read someone's mail or e-mail
 - Listening to private communications
- This Commandment also requires you to attempt to make restitution

Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 22)

- The **Commandments of the Church**
 - Laws of the Church
- How many are there?
 - Five

The Commandments of the Church (Cont)

- The faithful are:

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and the 6 holy days of obligation in the U.S.

- Christmas – Dec 25th
- Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary – Jan 1st
- Ascension Thursday – 40 days after Easter
- Assumption of the Blessed Mother – Aug 15th
- All Saints – Nov 1st
- Immaculate Conception – Dec 8th

The Commandments of the Church

2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – abstain from meat and reduce the number and size of meals
- Abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent

3. To confess our sins at least once a year

4. To receive communion during the Easter time

5. To contribute to the support of the Church

Actual Sin (another way to examine your conscience)

- The **seven capital** human weaknesses or **sins**:
 - **Pride** – inordinate seeking after one's own honor and excellence
 - **Covetousness** – immoderate desire for temporal goods
 - **Lust** – gross sin against chastity
 - **Anger** – disordered emotional state in which we seek revenge upon others
 - **Gluttony** – an intemperate love for food or drink
 - **Envy** – a sadness of mind when believing that another is better of than ourselves
 - **Sloth** – laziness or a surrender to one's dislikes for work or doing your duty

Transition

- This ends a brief review of the section on the Commandments and the Moral Life
- Next Class (July 11) we will begin a detailed study of **the seven sacraments**