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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



# 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