

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

The Sixth Commandment



These commandments that I give
you today are to be upon your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:6

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I Review Of Commandments

A. Two Divisions Of The Commandments

1. Commandments 1-3 deal with _____ (odg)
2. Commandments 4-10 deal with _____ (therso)

B. The Summary of the Ten Commandments is _____ (vole)

Overview Of The Ten Commandments

	We Love GOD By...		We Love OTHERS By...
1 st	Loving God Above All	4 th	Respecting Their Position
2 nd	Honoring His Name And Respecting Its Use	5 th	Respecting Their Lives and Well-Being
3 rd	Worshiping Him As A True Disciple	6 th	Respecting Their Families
		7 th	Respecting Their Possessions
		8 th	Respecting Their Reputation
		9 th	Respecting All Their Possessions Without Covetous Jealousy
		10 th	Respecting Their Family And Livelihood Without Covetous Jealousy

II The Sixth Commandment

“You shall not commit adultery.”

What does this mean?

“We should fear, love, and trust in God that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.”

A. What Is “adultery”

1. “Adulterate” means “to make _____ (dyrit)

Examples: water glass

2. It also means to _____ (erverpt) the proper use of something.

B. This Commandment Prohibits Sexual im- _____ (urityp) of every kind.
This includes...

1. Impure _____ (sthoutgh)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."
Matthew 5:27 (NIV)

a. How Does Jesus Define “Adultery”?

2. Impure _____ (ordsw):

What are some examples of “impure” words?

a. Words that describe sexual _____ (tsca)

b. Words that describe sexual _____ (rtsap) of the Body

c. Words which _____ others’ bodies (dmeane)

3. Impure _____ (esturesg)

4. Impure _____ (ctionsa)

III What Impure Actions Does God Prohibit? A Look At Romans 1

A. Romans 1:24:

“Therefore God gave [immoral people] over to the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.” (NIV)

a. Will God help us from committing impure, sexual sins?

b. Why does God give some people over to their sin?

c. What, according to Paul, does sexual sin do to people?

B. Romans 1:26:

“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.” (NIV)

1. What are examples of “unnatural relations”?

a. _____-sexuality (omho)

b. _____-sexuality (ib)

c. Multiple _____ (artpnrs)

d. _____-ilty (eastb)

e. _____ (cestin)

f. _____ (epra)

“According to the Bible, *Any* sexual activity that does not involve consensual sexual relations between one man and one woman within in marriage is an ‘unnatural,’ adulterous perversion of our bodies.”

C: Romans 1:28

“Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.”

For Thought: What happens when God finally lets sinners go and do whatever they want?

D. Romans 1:29-31

“They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.” (NIV)

1. According to St. Paul, what kinds of things can adultery lead to?

2. Why do you think God is so concerned about sexual sin?

E. Romans 1:32

“Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:32 (NIV)

1. What punishment does Paul say adulterers deserve?

2. How do Paul's words compare with Jesus' teaching?

“If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.” Matthew 5:29-30 (NIV)

IV Divorce

A. The Bible indicates one may—but is *not* commanded to—divorce if...

1. A non-Christian spouse _____ (desert) (I Corinthians 7:15)

2. A spouse is _____ (unfaithful) (Matthew 19:9)

“I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.”
Jesus in Matthew 19:9 (NIV)

3. Physical _____ (abuse):

B. Can Divorce Be Forgiven?

1. Divorce is not God's plan. Marriage is!

2. God forbids divorce and *all* sins against this commandment.
(cf. John 8:1-11)

V How We Keep This Commandment

A. By Remaining Sexually Pure

1. _____-ing from premarital sex (bstaina)
2. Abstain from _____-marital sex (traxe)
3. By not offering our bodies for _____ uses (hunlyo)
4. Encouraging and _____-ing others to remain pure (ssista)
5. Standing up to _____ from others (ressurep)

B. By _____-ing Marriage (onorh)—ours *and* others'

1. Marriage takes hard _____ (orkw).
2. Don't live _____ before marriage. (ogether)

VI Christian Dating

A. When dating, always remember that _____ is there. (esusj)

B. Take your _____ (emit)

C. _____ your dates and dating partners (aryv)

D. Date _____ only (hristiansc)

E. Don't keep your date a _____ from others, especially your parents. (ecrets)

F. Abstain from sexual _____ -ment (volvein).

G. Ask the _____ questions: (gihtr)

Others:

Dating Questions For Christians

- 1) Would I Want This Person To Be My Spouse?
- 2) Would I Want This person to be the parent of my children?
- 3) Do I really respect this person? Or is this a bad idea?
- 4) Is this person an active Christian?
- 5) Will this person go to church with me?
- 6) Does this person honor Jesus in their words, attitudes and thoughts?
- 7) Does the person respect me or abuse me?
- 8) What do others say about this relationship?
- 9) What does God say about this relationship?

When you become engaged, talk with your pastor.

VII The Most Important Things To Remember:

1. You are God's _____ (emplt)

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?” I Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

2. Your body is *not* your body. It's _____ (odsg)!

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

I Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

3. Jesus forgives everyone who is truly repentant, no matter how great the sin.

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? ""No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:10-11 (NIV)

For Reflection:

1) Why does God encourage marriage?

2) Does a person have to marry?

3) In what ways can we avoid impurity and sexual sin?

4) What does Luther mean when he said that the Sixth Commandment teaches us to “lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do?”

Assignments:

1. Memorize I Corinthians 3:16 and the meaning to the Sixth Commandment.

2. Review the Books of the Bible and Ten Commandments (w/o meanings)

Study Guide: “The Sixth Commandment”

Part I: True Or False. *The Sixth Commandment.* Place a “T” (*True*) or “F” (*False*) before each question below.

- ___ 1. Without the Sixth Commandment, families as we know them would fall apart.
- ___ 2. “Adultery” means “to make something unclean.”
- ___ 3. It is not important to consider whom we date. After all, we’re just having fun.
- ___ 4. God never commands people to divorce, even if they have been unfaithful.
- ___ 5. Sexual sin should only be avoided so that we don’t get diseases.
- ___ 6. Living before marriage is God’s way to see if a person is a suitable spouse.
- ___ 7. When one merely thinks improper sexual thoughts, they are sinning.
- ___ 8. The Sixth Commandment commands us to abstain from sex until marriage.
- ___ 9. God can forgive people who have lived together before marriage.
- ___ 10. Christians are temples of God and should respect their bodies as God’s dwelling place.

Part II: Multiple Choice. Write the letter of the correct answer before each question below.

- ___ 11. *Homosexuality is a sinful perversion between...*
 - a. two or more men or two or more women
 - b. people and animals
 - c. man and wife
 - d. none of the above.
- ___ 12. The word “chaste” means ...
 - a. to be pursued by a policeman
 - b. to be pure
 - c. to have committed sexual sin
 - d. to be saved and forgiven by Jesus.
- ___ 13. Sexual sins are those we commit with our...
 - a. bodies
 - b. mind
 - c. peers
 - d. All of the above.
- ___ 14. We avoid sexual sins because...
 - a. It’s God’s will for us.
 - b. We are God’s temples.
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. None of the above.

- ___ 15. Christians should only date active Christians because...
- a. It's a good idea
 - b. It's God's will
 - c. To be married to a non-Christian is a hard burden.
 - d. All of the above.
 - e. None of the above.

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