

Class 17  
The Fourth & Fifth Commandments

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Honoring Family (the fourth commandment)

**2** think of all the families on TV from Brady Bunch to .....

**3** The Simpsons

**4** families from reality shows, the Louds

**5** There is a lot of stuff going on in our families. Our families are a team.

Not a team to build a winner but to build a personal fortress where each family member finds love, care, protection, safety, where our deepest needs are met and where we learn how to deal with others.

This is a beautiful design of God, the design of the family.

God designed what the family should be and no one is going to change it, no one.

**6** We don't get to choose our families but they supply us with a lifetime of support, mental support, physical support, emotional support and spiritual support.

And, it is God who supplies the family with support. If our minds and hearts are towards god, we visit him every Sunday and listen to him, we speak with him every day in personal conversation know for a certainty that we are in his guiding and protecting hands.

**7** the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment is the first of 7 that shows us how to live.

**8** read slide 8 Wow, if you honor you father and mother you're promised a long life.

**9** Read slide 9

The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment to honor your father & mother is more than just that.

This commandment teaches us how to act with our family members which in turn teaches us how to act with our larger human race family, which is very important to god.

Honoring Parents

**10** Its interesting that you don't remember being introduced to your parents because they were always there.

We see how parents care for babies so that gives us an idea how our parents cared for us.

**11** It is instinctive with this type of care to instinctively go to your parents for love and attention

**12** What does the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment mean when it says to honor your father or your mother?

Instead of specific duties to follow it gives an attitude you must adopt toward your mother or father, which will lead to how you respond to your parent

This attitude includes respect, gratitude, obedience and assistance

**13** When you are little this is relatively easy, probably because you've experienced how much care they have given you.

But this respect we should show our parents becomes harder as we get older and we develop our own desires and beliefs

**14** As we grow even older we pass through a time when we see our parents in a different light as they too get older and we sense they may not be with us much longer.

At this time we have a change of heart and we may have a feeling that we have to tell them how much we have appreciated them.

Someday express your gratitude to your parents...they say it costs \$100,000.00 to raise a child, with countless work, it would be nice once in a while to say thank you mom or dad for what you

have done for me, giving me all my needs and much of you time to help me grow properly

**15** Imaging the experience of this little girl; Read slide 15.

**16** Obey your parents. We must trust the judgement of our parent because they have life experiences and there is no better teacher than personal experiences.

This is how the lord uses our parents to teach us his natural and god given laws.

Except!..... when you know what they tell you is wrong; for instance to try some drugs or go ahead and cheat in a game or, much worse, don't worry about missing mass this Sunday.

**17** assist...take out the garbage, do dishes, clean up your room or...

**18** help parents with computer or technical stuff.

**19** grown parents must care for their parents in old age. This is even an imperative in the Bible.

Tell mom stories 1. Calling at lunch time  
2. Wheel chair ramp  
3. Shopping with list in her hair  
4. Taking her to the doctor  
5. Mom going back to work to send me to high school etc. etc. etc.

It is a joy to take care of your elderly parents.

Parents' Responsibility for Children

**20** You've heard your parents say to you..; "This is for your own good!".

**21** parents have more life experience and they do know what is better for you, like getting needles to protect you against disease.

Parents realize they must provide for the spiritual development of their children like this religious education class and taking them to mass every Sunday.

**22** Parents know the benefits of raising their child in the Christian faith and they know the dangers and pitfalls of allowing their children to grow up with no spiritual guidance. Read slide 22.

**23** there comes a time when the teaching is over and our parents must let us go.

Parents must let their child make their own decisions and it will hopefully be based upon the good spiritual teachings their parents gave them in order to help their children make the right moral decisions or life choices.

**24** You yourself must decide your vocation. It is impossible for a parent to get into the mind of a child and know what career path they should take when the child becomes an adult.

The decision path we go through at this time will be helped by the moral and spiritual formation the parents gave the child before they became an adult.

Responsibilities of Civil Authorities

**25** The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment obviously also applies to the police, government officials like judges, coaches, teachers, etc.

Also, your peers when they are given sanctioned leadership positions, like a school safety.

**26** It is interesting to hear the wisdom of experience from Mark Twain: read slide 26.

But, all authority figures, including your parents, must honor the dignity of the persons who are under their authority.

**27** However, you must not obey parents or civil authorities if their instructions or orders go against god's law.

**28** recall the recent Supreme Court ruling that said a baker did not have to provide a cake for a gay marriage if they felt that was against their religious beliefs.

The government and a lower court originally told the baker he had to supply the cake, regardless of what the baker's religious beliefs were.

But, the baker fought this ruling and applied to the Supreme Court and they said the baker was right.

**29** Recall the nuns being told they have to supply abortion information in their hospitals but they too fought this and won.

Note the few people behind the nuns supporting them. This is the perfect picture of the narrow road Jesus spoke about.

### Church and State

**30** We also have leaders in government that are leaders of our society much like parents lead families.

We must follow the laws:

- ◆ Traffic laws by not speeding
- ◆ Government laws like paying your taxes
- ◆ seat belt laws even though it is hard for me to follow, but I got a ticket for it
- ◆ Look at the Nazis laws to arrest Jews in WWII. People hid the Jews which was unlawful. This was the moral and brave thing to do, even though it could have gotten you shot and killed on the spot.

**31** civil disobedience is not obeying laws that are morally wrong. Read slide 31.

- ❖ Martin Luther King disobeyed racial laws
  - sitting in the back of a bus
  - **32** drinking at black only water fountains
  - all this stemmed from slavery in the pre-civil war days of this country.
  - The Civil War controversy continues today with confederate statues being torn down

Other morally wrong laws are allowing doctors to perform abortions, make you own a gun in Georgia, and fighting in wars you do not agree with.

**33** Some laws reflect a world view or a cultural view.

For instance in Saudi Arabia women do not have the equal rights of men, they were just granted the right to drive a car.

Some women in Iraq have to wear a burka

**34** Who is right! God is right, that is why his word is so important! Read slide 34.

Natural laws follow God's laws.

When we all obey his laws we'll come closer as a family but it seems we'll never get there.

The church does not want to be a political community; they want to be a free voice to speak the word of god and protect the dignity of each and every human being as god would have them do.

We must conduct our lives to be a check on government where they make laws not in agreement with god's laws and vote against anyone who things like euthanasia of old people, abortion, or gay marriage.

I think you will agree there is a lot more than meets the eye regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, agree?

By the way, would anyone be interested in hearing what is actually written in the Bible regarding gay marriage or a homosexual life style?

### **35** Respecting Life (the fifth commandment)

**36** Birth is an awe-inspiring thing to contemplate and many first think of a creator god when thinking about or experiencing a birth.

Mention sitting in Bob's big Boy.

Mention seeing Dennis being born on Father's Day at 9:00 am.

Birth of a human being naturally makes us think about the value and sanctity of every living person.

**37** This brings meaning to the 5th commandment, thou shalt not kill. Read slide 37.

Many issues today regarding this 5<sup>th</sup> commandment face us today and are controversial.

Human life is sacred

**38** We are all made in the image of god and are very, very valuable and because of our descendantcy from the creator God we all deserve respect. Read slide 38.

Even before god put us in the womb of our mother he knew us.

Think of that, the almighty creator god knew us before we were born into this world.

No matter a person's status in life they are sacred and deserve respect.

Whether it is this person **39** or this person **40**

God sees these two people equally and so must we. This truth is stated in the Bible.

**41** What comes to mind when you hear you shall not kill?

You are so subject to multiple killings in the news, TV shows, movies, books and video games, you can lose sight of how important it is not to kill someone, and it is the ultimate evil.

**42** There is in reality something called a Legitimate Defense.

However, a legitimate defense to kill someone only applies to someone who is trying to kill you or a loved one or an innocent defenseless third party.

But it is not right to kill someone who breaks into you house to steal your stuff.

His life is more valuable than your possessions and your keeping them.

For instance if this guy is running out the door with your TV you can't shot him in the back.

### **43** Life Issues and the Fifth Commandment

Let's consider some life issues and the fifth commandment where government and social leaders must make moral decisions about taking life.

What is your view on capital punishment? Have you thought about it? Are you for or against it?

The church teaches it is wrong no matter what the crime because any sin is forgivable in the eyes of god.

A person can indeed come to a conversion in the Lord while serving time in jail.

**44** explain your past and present beliefs and your experience in a jail cell.

### **45** What about War?

War is like hell with tremendous bad after effects so it should be avoided at all cost except if a nation is attacked.

In the Bible it recounts episodes where angels actually help kill hundreds of thousands of people to save the Jews.

**46** Even though there are many stories of war in the Old Testament Jesus is setting himself as an example to suffer the effects of war and not hurt anyone but save everyone by doing so

The church's teaching is to avoid war at all costs and take every measure possible to resolve any issues.

I do not know how any sane person would disagree with this.

The church does, however, says there is a legitimate reason for war if being attacked and **all of** these following conditions are met:

**47** There must be a just cause such as going to war to defeat a great, public evil, like Hitler.

Are there any just causes in the world today worth going to war for?

How about ISIS

**48** There is this idea of comparative justice, where the good you achieve must far outweigh the loss of life and disruption to society that will occur as a result of the war.

**49** There is the idea that only some legitimate authority such as the government must conduct the war. A war cannot be begun by a large group of extremely rich private individuals for the sake of the people.

It must be carried out by duly elected and sanctioned government officials for the good of the entire society.

**50** The war must have the right intention.

War is used for only a truly just cause and solely for that purpose, not some hidden gain such as taking over the property of another country.

**51** The war must have a very great probability of success.

You cannot start a futile war where you might have to use disproportionate measures such as nuclear weapons or biological weapons that would result in a disproportionate loss of life.

**52** There is this idea of proportionality, the destruction must be outweighed by the good to be achieved.

I honestly do not see how this is different from the second condition that we mentioned before about comparative justice but it was in the book so I mentioned it anyway.

I guess I'll need a priest to explain this one.

Basically it says... read slide 52.

**53** The last condition is that the war is the last resort; all peaceful means to a solution have been exhausted and none of these means or all of these means was successful. Read slide 53.

According to the church even if one of these conditions is not met the war cannot be just and believers should not participate.

Some feel morally obligated to serve in a war and others feel they cannot kill their fellow man because of god's law.

**54** the church says conscientious objectors must not be forced to participate in a war

Read slide 54 and comment on it both pro and con.

**55** Alvin York is a famous person who was a conscientious objector but then reviewed the conditions of war and then was convinced it was just.

Alvin Cullum York, also known as Sergeant York, was one of the most decorated United States Army soldiers of World War I. He received the Medal of Honor for leading an attack on a German machine gun nest, taking 35 machine guns, killing at least 25 enemy soldiers, and capturing 132

**56** A movie was made of his life starring Gary Cooper.

**57** Preparing for war with a buildup of arms is wrong because it is so expensive and the money applied to these weapons should more rightly be applied to help those in need around the world.

But my opinion is that for a godly nation to build up arms is a way of preventing war

I especially like the idea of using space for weapons.

I think I'm in the minority on this and perhaps in conflict with the church.

OK, so much for war and the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, let's talk about abortion and the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

## 58 Abortion

What about abortion? Is that against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment? You're damn right it is!!!!!!

Ending the development of a child in its mother and thus ending the child's life is against God's law, period!

This law has been legal in the USA since 1973, thanks to some godless and evil politicians and some godless and evil Supreme Court justices but it is not moral.

Who can look at this picture and say this is moral?

Nancy Pelosi says a wall to protest our boarder is immoral but this abortion is not. What a clown. She is demented in my opinion.

**59** This is Norma McCorvey. She is the lady in whose name the suit was filed in court saying it should be legal to have an abortion. She didn't want anyone to know her real name so they used the name Jane Roe for a woman like they use the name John Doe for an unknown man.

She was ashamed of this because of god's natural law abiding within her spirit but she went against it.

**60** When she received the Holy Spirit in her soul she realized the wrong she had done.

At the end of her life she traveled around the country speaking against abortion for all the misery it brings to the unborn child and to the mother who has the abortion. Read slid 60.

**61** What becomes legal becomes acceptable; I pity the justices on the Supreme Court who passed down this ruling. What did they say when they faced the creator of all life? Can you imagine!

These women make my skin crawl with disgust.

I'm filled with revulsion every time a see a demonstration of this sort on TV.

May God have mercy on their souls! They will definitely need it.

This to me is a justifiable cause to go to war with these people, not on the battlefield but in the area of public opinion and in the courts.

I do not want to be associated with nor spend time with anyone with these beliefs.

**62** The church is firm in her teaching that abortion is immoral and should be stopped, read slide 62.

**63** read slide 63 and express your opinion.

**64** Where does life begin? Discuss

**65** This is where god says life begins, at conception.

Light is given off as a burst of energy at conception and no one so far has been able to explain this light.

Theologians believe this is the power of the Holy Spirit, the creator of life entering this person.

God, the life giving force and energy entering each and every living thing.

This is the way he designed life to begin and may he have mercy on the soul who interrupts this process.

Abortion is not a good choice no matter what the circumstances

- ◆ can't support the child, not valid
- ◆ didn't want the child, your love will grow for this child
- ◆ has a deformity, Beethoven, greatest piece of music ever
- ◆ greed, not wanting the extra expense of the support of a child, pure evil

**66** It is a known fact that women who have abortions experience great psychological damage, especially many years later when they realize their child would have been a grown adult. It is like they took a gun to the head of their child and shot them, no difference whatsoever from aborting them.

We all have a responsibility to stop abortion.

How can you do that?

Vote against any person who runs for office and supports abortion or vote against any political party who supports laws that allow abortion.

**67** It is my belief if you vote for someone who supports abortion is a grave mortal sin.

**68** The church offers help to women who have had abortions in many ways but we will not go into those here, it is too much to cover.

**69** genetic engineering of humans, trying to make a race of super humans, where everyone is alike and perfect, is also against god's law and a mortal sin.

**70** Euthanasia or mercy killing is also a grave mortal sin.

People do not have a right to choose if they live or die because of some pain or emotional suffering.

The church considers euthanasia murder, a blatant violation against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment

This violates human dignity and is a violation of god's law and against the natural law which is to do anything to survive

**71** Hospice care is a good, proper and godly alternative to Euthanasia.

mention what is done and you've been in one

**72** Suicide is considered a sin against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

Taking your own life goes against the human nature that god built into each and every individual

This act deprives the remaining family of the joy of this person, it is devastating

It also deprives humanity of the good this person can offer to the world, that god may have intended.

What if there was someone who had a cure for cancer who killed themselves

The church recognizes persons who are mentally ill and not aware of the grave sin associated with

suicide or the grave consequences of suicide and does not consider these people to have sinned.

The church says we must help these people to recognize their value to life.

**73** These people (mentally ill people) **are not** necessarily eternally separated from god if they do commit this sin

**74** To bring scandal into one's life is also a sin against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

This has to do with killing the spiritual life of someone as a result of the shame the scandal brings.

It is so easy to cause scandal to someone today with social media.

If you even tell a small lie about someone it is almost impossible to clear that person of shame because of how rapidly and how widespread these lies grow.---You can't pull back the lies.

**75** Having no respect for your health is also a sin against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

**76** We must have respect for the health of our bodies meaning eating healthy food, sufficient exercise; proper amounts of sleep, abstain from drugs, tobacco & alcohol

**77** even being safe when traveling is covered by the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, do not drive recklessly

**78** bulimia and anorexia are against the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

**79** As for all commandments this is for our own good.

God wants us to be healthy and feel good so that we can think clearly and do good.

So, I hope you can see from this lesson there is much more to obeying the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> commandments than meets the eye. There is a great depth of insight to why we should and must obey these commandments of an almighty and loving creator god.