

Class 19

Respecting Material Goods

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What does it mean to respect material goods?

First off it means to respect the one who owns these material goods and that they are not your's to take or use as you please.

You must ask for permission of the owner to use them and if denied you must respect that person's decision and keep your hands off their property.

2 There was a book written called “All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten”

The things you learned in Kindergarten were things like, share everything, play fair, put things back where you found them, clean up your own mess, don't take things that are not yours.

These insights or truths about life are the heart of the 7th & 10th commandments.

3 the 7th commandment is...**read slide**

4 the 10th commandment is...**read slide**

These commandments are not just personal rules.

They are commandments of almighty god and have further reaching consequences than those simple matters like expressed in the kindergarten book.

These principles also apply to business, governments and institutions as well.

Tell Evapco coil maker story and coil drawing story.

Tell how China has stolen many of American designs for electronic items and weapons.

These commandments demand we have respect for the goods and possessions of others.

This is God's law.

Can you imagine how wonderful life would be if no one stole anything from other people?

5 These commandments also demand we share our goods with others.

Explain how in the Garden of Eden Adam & Eve had everything we wanted or needed.

6 what if everybody shared their goods with their neighbors?

There would be no crime, no hatred, no jealousy.

There would be joy, comfort, peace, harmony would result, much like heaven is described.

7 It is a grave sin to take something that is not yours. It doesn't matter if the person doesn't want it and doesn't care he can't find it.

It doesn't matter if you take something from a store that is overstocked with the thing or a very rich person who doesn't miss it after it is gone.

Backing into someone's car and creating damage and then walking away on a mall parking lot late at night is a sin against the 7 commandment.

Mention theft of 2 doughnuts at American University

Mention dunking doughnuts doughnut throw away with John.

Mention theft of books from bookmobile.

8 plagiarisms is also a grave sin the 7th & 10th commandments.

Mention Biden In his 1988 presidential bid, Joe Biden, who is now a Democratic presidential candidate for 2020, plagiarized portions of speeches made by former President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) and British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. It effectively led to him dropping out of the race.

You can't copy stuff from the internet and say it is yours.

That is a sin against the 7th commandment of God.

9 Embezzlement is also a grave sin against the 7th & 10th commandments.

Does anyone know what embezzlement is? Explain.

This is a common sin where people in companies with control of the money secretly pay themselves and say they were for business expenses. Extremely stupid people.

Mention what James did with the credit card in Ocean City.

Watch American greed one night.

10. Bernie Madoff was an horrific monster to what he did with people's money.

Theft will require restitution but this man cannot restore what he took.

This seriously affects society.

You and I pay more for goods than we should because business figures on how much they lose to theft each year and add it to the price of the goods they charge.

11. The Earths Goods Are for All.

We must share the earth's wealth with everyone.

Who says we own the land, how far back do you go?

12 Oil barons are very sinful in driving up oil prices. They live like kings!

Share your feelings on drug companies.

13 today more than 925 million people are hungry throughout the world.

By contrast there are 2,208 billionaires in the world today and all of them are multi-billionaires meaning they have many billions of dollars.

The rich could end this starving for only...guess..... 13 billion dollars per year.

Only need 13 billionaires to give 1 billion dollars and world hunger would be ended

If every billionaire only gave \$6 million dollars they would end world hunger

Their main goal is to use their money to make more money.

Mention football arenas and baseball stadiums cost a billion dollars today.

Mention Blumberg & John's Hopkins \$1.2 billion gift.

Think about it, what are the basics you need for survival and some small measure of comfort.

Even you and I can do our part to help this situation. Only a couple dollars a month to any one of 1000's of organizations in the world today can help. But do it quietly.

Most big givers make the news headlines.

God sees everything and knows our hearts. God loves a cheerful giver.

14 Mention Jesus parables of the woman mite or 2 cents.

It has to hurt to give. Not real giving if only from your excess.

Mention it seems how most people in the world are good hearted and do contribute.

Mention Lancaster Give raised \$12,000.000.00

We are instructed by god to share what we have out of love and concern for our fellow man.

What, you say, do all these examples have to do with the 7th & 10th commandments?

They say do not crave the earth's material things.

God will give you what you need.

Food, shelter, clothing, a good job, a car for transportation, a family, and small pleasurable things your family needs like maybe some decent furniture, a radio, a TV, some recreational things like video games, some gardening supplies for your mom or dad and maybe some things like tools for you dad to fix things.

Things we want and use and never use again can be a sin against the 10th commandment.

A great sin is to want something just because your friend has it and you would never have thought to want it unless your friend had it.

This is called greed.

15 We are instructed to care for the future, the welfare of my grandchildren and your children, by caring for the environment.

Things we can do to help, recycle, and keep it a little cool in our homes in the winter and just bearable in the summer and not cold.

Why so many pick-up trucks.

16 These commandments also speak about our national debt.

Explain national debt like a family.

Explain how we're not doing so well on either count.

If we do not care about these things we are stealing a good life from future citizens.

Social Doctrine of the Church.

17 The church has the responsibility to speak up for the common good.

To speak about and support what is good for all and not just the few very rich.

Material needs are essential for the care of the soul.

This is called the church's social doctrine.

We must speak up for those in need. Those in need are not in need because of what they had done or not done in life.

It is difficult life circumstances that has brought about these circumstances for some people and the church must speak out and support them.

Some people just can't help themselves.

They have learning disabilities, physical disabilities, single parent homes with one income, it's hard for young children to learn in school when they are hungry.

We all need help at times and the church helps us in many ways.

18 Jesus said to whom much is given, much is required.

This does mean a time for unequal treatment is necessary.

Those in deepest need should receive more than those not in such deep need.

Explain graduated income tax.

Do the 7th & 10th commandments address our vocations and our work lives?

The 7th commandment has a lot to do with our jobs in life.

19 Work & paychecks are how we participate in the world's resources.

Our work should reflect our religious values.

20 We must give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay and not just goof off at work.

Mention windows on doors of C. F. Brawn. They paid for free lunch in a big cafeteria!

21 Now, at your stage in life, as young people you are called to listen and learn.

Especially in religious education, listening to the teachings of your creator, not a time to take a nap or play with little things in your hands, unless you are still a little child and not growing into adulthood.

22 But when you begin working you contribute to society by using your god given talents and making this a better world in some small way.

23 Someone who leads a life of leisure is not living up to the potential of a person made in the image of god.

God wanted us to work. By the sweat of your brow you shall earn your bread.

Work is a direct command and a design for life by God for the punishment of not obeying God when Adam and Eve were living in the garden of paradise with the Lord.

Not by living off the excess of your company or some large inheritance.

God never meant for anyone to will a lottery.

This is not good for life.

Did you ever read the stories of people who won large sums of money and how it ruined their families and their lives?

24 As a worker you have to give it your best.

Come to work on time, no surfing the internet during work hours.

No playing with your phone at work.

Not taking long lunches every single day.

Not leaving early every day.

Mention Joe coming in drunk and always 10 to 15 minutes late every day.

Too many excused absences from work.

Mention Tom Chroniger going home early every day.

Mention lady at Koppers selling Mary Kay beauty cosmetics over the phone.

Mention Doug spending entire day doing things for himself.

Woman gabbing around desk at social security headquarters.

Mention success targets. Few ever got them all done. Salary was based on these.

Mention coming in 15 minutes early so you could eat and walk during lunch.

If you engage in these kinds of activities you are stealing from your company.

All these activities are against God's law of the 7th commandment.

25 Businesses are also responsible to act properly.

They have to pay a reasonable competitive salary, not dump waste, not pollute, clean up their own mess.

These activities are against God's 7th commandment because they steal something from society.

They steal people's time and energy if they do not pay a reasonable salary.

They steal a healthy environment from society if they pollute or make a mess with dumping and not cleaning their own chemical garbage.

Mention tire dumps.

26 Do you think this company is polluting?

No, mention cooling tower misunderstanding and Evapco green leaf logo.

27 Slavery is a form of stealing; stealing the freedom given to us all by God.

Slavery is absolutely spoken against by the church as it still exists today.

It is stealing the lives of people.

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28 There is an idea that calls for the Proper Use of Wealth but too much wealth leads to poverty of spirit.

Working for something is good. Attaining everything can lead us with nothing to do and abandon exercising our god given talent in the pursuit of something.

It is a sin to waste our talent given to us by god and too much wealth might cause this to happen.

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29 we are accosted by 3000 ads per day TV, Radio, internet

This culture is constantly urging us to want more and more so they can make more and more money.

Mention increase of commercials on TV from the 1950's

Tell them to watch the evening news.

30 Wanting all these things advertised on TV & radio is where envy comes in!

Because others have this thing you want it.

This is the sin against the 10th commandment.

This is not Jesus' message. Jesus says be content with what you have. I will supply all your needs.

Explain slide of girl on left not being satisfied with her plant, she wants the one her friend has.

Mention maw saying there always seemed to be enough money if you follow the lord.

This envy grows in a lot of people and actually makes them act differently in life by doing crazy things to obtain more and more.

Sell drugs, sell their bodies, steal, cheat, lie, and forget to provide needs for their family, abortion!

Mention how we're closing schools due to reduction in the birth rate thanks to abortion.

31. Growing closer to god by attending mass, reading the scriptures, reading faith based Christian books and doing your homework teaches us about God's design for life and how very little we need.

Read slide, remember this above all things I have said in class; this is the greatest truth I can relay to you.

Mention how very little food we need. That is a gift from god.

Mention Pay Less shoes and Palessi shoes

32. This is the greatest lie I can relay to you.

33. This is the second greatest truth I can relay to you.

34 The 7th & 10th commandments are very powerful statements about the nature of life and whether or not we are succeeding in life by following the commands of God.

Always remember what Jesus said about his commandments...read slide 34