

LESSON 12: PURITY AND TRUTH

Your body is holy because on the day of your Baptism, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of it. In the Sixth and Ninth Commandments, God told us to respect our bodies and the bodies of other people. He wants us to be modest and to stay away from movies, books and pictures that are not modest. God also wants us to be faithful in our relationships with other people.

In the Seventh and the Tenth Commandments God tells us to be satisfied with what we have, not to covet what others have. God told us, "You shall not steal". Cheating, stealing, breaking others things, not returning borrowed things, or being dishonest breaks the same law. God also wants us to take special care of other people's things.

The Eight Commandment tells us to be honest: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor". God loves the truth. When Jesus was on earth, He spoke the truth in all things, even when it did not make him popular. Many holy people have even died for truth. Read about St. Thomas Moore who refused to lie and was eventually put to death. His honesty helped him to get to Heaven.

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God". (Matthew 5:8)

"He who lies is a fool, but the tongue of a just man is as choice silver". (Proverbs 10: 18-20)

Questions and Answers

1	<i>What are we forbidden by the Eight Commandment?</i> It prohibits all falsehood and unjust damage regarding another person's reputation. This includes false witness, lies, flattery, unfounded suspicion and rash judgement.
2	<i>What does the Eight Commandment order?</i> It orders us to speak the truth carefully and to interpret in the best possible way the actions of our neighbor. It also prohibits us from judging people and gossiping.
3	<i>How can a person repair the damage caused by false accusation?</i> He who has damaged his neighbor in his good name by false accusation or wicked talk about him, must repair the damage he has done, so far as he is able.
4	<i>What does the Sixth Commandment forbid?</i> The Sixth Commandment forbids impurity of any kind; this means immoral words, books, pictures, and shows.
5	<i>What does the Ninth Commandment forbid?</i> The Ninth Commandment forbids deliberate impure thoughts and desires.
6	<i>What is forbidden by the Seventh Commandment?</i> The Seventh Commandment forbids damaging our neighbor's property. This includes thefts and damaging actions. It also forbids giving assistance to those who commit such damages.
7	<i>What does the Seventh Commandment order us to do?</i> The Seventh Commandment orders us to make restitution of property belonging to others, to repair damages that we cause, and to honor our debts.
8	<i>Does a person who is capable of compensating the damage he had done and does not do so, obtain pardon?</i> No. He will not obtain pardon, even though by his words he declares himself repentant.

9	<i>What does the Tenth Commandment order us to do?</i> The Tenth Commandment orders us not to desire your neighbor's goods.
10	<i>What are Beatitudes?</i> The Beatitudes are eight statements taught by Jesus. They guide us, teach us, and show us the values that Christ cares about.

Words to Know:

Purity: cleanliness in thought, word and act.

Honesty: truthfulness.

Truth: not to tell lies.

Covet: wrongfully to desire something which does not belong to you.

Bear false witness: to lie about someone.

Vow: a promise, a word of honor