

## Catechism Questions

**63:** What is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is: *Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

**64:** What does the fifth commandment require?

The fifth commandment requires us to respect and treat others, whether above, below, or equal to us, as their position or our relationship to them demands.

**65:** What does the fifth commandment forbid?

The fifth commandment forbids being disrespectful to or not treating others as their position or relationship to us demands.

**66:** What is the reason for the fifth commandment?

The reason for the fifth commandment is the promise of long life and prosperity, if these glorify God and are for the good of those who obey this commandment.

**67:** What is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is: *You shall not murder.*

**68:** What does the sixth commandment require?

The sixth commandment requires making every lawful effort to preserve one's own life and the lives of others.

**69:** What does the sixth commandment forbid?

The sixth commandment forbids taking one's own life or the lives of others unjustly or doing anything that leads to suicide or murder.

**70:** What is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery.*

**71:** What does the seventh commandment require?

The seventh commandment requires us and everyone else to keep sexually pure in heart, speech, and action.

**72:** What does the seventh commandment forbid?

The seventh commandment forbids thinking, saying, or doing anything sexually impure.

**73:** What is the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment is: *You shall not steal.*

**74:** What does the eighth commandment require?

The eighth commandment requires that we lawfully acquire and increase our own and others' money and possessions.

**75:** What does the eighth commandment forbid?

The eighth commandment forbids anything that either does or may unjustly take away money or possessions from us or anyone else.

**76:** What is the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment is: *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

**77:** What does the ninth commandment require?

The ninth commandment requires us to tell the truth and to maintain and promote it and our own and others' reputations, especially when testifying.

**78:** What does the ninth commandment forbid?

The ninth commandment forbids anything that gets in the way of the truth or injures anyone's reputation.

**79:** What is the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment is: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**80:** What does the tenth commandment require?

The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude toward others and their possessions.

**81:** What does the tenth commandment forbid?

The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

**82:** Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

Since the fall, no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life that breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.

**83:** Are all sins equally evil?

In the eyes of God, some sins in themselves are more evil than others, and some are more evil because of the harm that results from them.

**84:** What does every sin deserve?

Every sin deserves God's anger and curse, both in this life and in the life to come.

**85:** What does God require from us to escape His anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin?

To escape God's anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin, God requires from us faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life along with diligent involvement in all the external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption.