



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 16: THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT (PART II)

Introduction

What does God protect in the sixth commandment? What is *adultery* according to the broad definition and the narrow definition?

The Roles Of Men and Women

God created men and women to serve in different roles within the church and within the family. These roles in no way suggest that the husband is more important than the wife or the wife more important than the husband, but they identify a proper relationship between men and women in the church and in the home.

In what order did God create the spouses or partners in marriage?

Gen 2:18-24 (292)

What was the Adam's role in the marriage?

What was Eve's role in the marriage?

How does the Bible describe the relationship between men and women?



In the *church*:

1 Timothy 2:11-14

For this reason (1 Tim 2:11-14) our congregations do not have women serving as pastors, elders, or as voting members. Women can, however, serve as teachers of other women, teachers of children, and as other helpers. See Rom 16:1-5; 2 Tim 1:5; Tit 2:3-5.



In the *home*:

1 Corinthians 11:3 _____

Ephesians 5:23 (305) _____

- In the Bible, the role of the husband is to be the head of the household. This does not mean that he has the right to “lord himself over” his wife the way a master might treat a slave. Marriage is not a master-slave relationship. As head of the house, the husband has a duty and responsibility to love, guard, protect, respect, and help his wife. A good head of household does not simply “give orders” but does whatever needs to be done in service his family.



Husbands and Wives

Keeping the Sixth Commandment

In marriage, husbands keep the sixth commandment by:

Ephesians 5:25 (305) _____

Colossians 3:19 _____

1 Peter 3:7 (304) _____

- Husbands are to love their wives *as Christ loved the Church*. What do you think that means? If you were a husband, how would you love your wife in this way?
- God says that husbands are the head of the home. How should a good, responsible head-of-household act? Would a Christian husband, for example, make major family decisions without consulting his wife? Would a Christian husband simply "make the rules" of the house without consulting his wife?

In marriage, wives keep the sixth commandment by:

Ephesians 5:22-23 (305) _____

Titus 2:5 _____

1 Peter 3:1-6 (304) _____

- Wives are to submit to their husbands *as to the Lord*. In other words, wives understand that their husbands have a responsibility toward them and toward the whole family. Therefore they do not work against their husbands, but they support and help them carry out their responsibilities. In the Christian home, *submission is not something bad*, but rather it is the wife helping and working with the one who loves her.

- “This commandment requires everyone to love and cherish the wife or husband whom God has given. For marital chastity [purity] it is above all things essential that husband and wife live together in love and harmony cherishing each other wholeheartedly and with perfect fidelity [faithfulness]. This is one of the chief ways to make chastity attractive and desirable. Under such conditions, chastity always follows spontaneously and without any command. This is why St. Paul so urgently admonishes husbands and wives to love and honor each other” (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

Choosing a Spouse

What things should a Christian man or woman consider when choosing a spouse?

1. Proverbs 31:30 _____
 2. Luke 11:13 (1114) _____
 3. 4th Comm; Gen 24 _____
 4. Genesis 26:34-35 _____
 5. Matthew 19:6 (295) _____
- The mutual consent to live together as husband and wife is a promise which a Christian should not take lightly. Before a man and woman may live together as husband and wife, a license from the state must be secured and their mutual promise to live together in marriage "until parted by death" be spoken before witnesses and an approved representative of the state (pastor or justice of the peace, etc.) Christians will ordinarily want to have their marriage "sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:5) in a church ceremony.
 - Review Question 68 in your catechism (p. 74)



Final Exhortations (Urgings and Encouragements) Regarding This Commandment

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (698) _____
- 2 Timothy 2:22 (321) _____
- 1 Corinthians 15:33 (1168) _____
- Philippians 4:8 _____
- Psalms 51:10 (319) _____

Write Martin Luther's summary (explanation) to the sixth commandment:

- Have we sinned against this commandment?
(Remember that God wants us to keep the commandments in *thought* and *word* as well as action!)
- How can Jesus' life, death, and resurrection help us to make a beginning of keeping this commandment?

Thought Questions

1. Should a person marry someone who has a different faith? Explain.
2. Is dancing sinful? Explain.
3. Evaluate: People should be ashamed of sex at all times since it is dirty.
4. What might you want to do if you discover that a TV show you are watching or a book you are reading has sins against marriage or has sexual immorality in it?

Review Questions

1. Whose idea is marriage and when did it start?
2. How does God bless marriage? (list at least three things)
3. What are the two scriptural reasons for divorce?

Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 13 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)
- Memorize the Sixth Commandment with Explanation (p. 72)