

Study Guide: Commands Regarding Men

To study the topic of the last seven Commandments, consult the Scripture passages listed and the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC).

Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.

1. The fourth commandment (to honor father and mother) is phrased in the positive ("thou shalt"). What is its position in relation to the rest of the commandments? What is the reward for obeying this commandment? (CCC 2197-2200)
2. What are marriage and the family "ordered to"? Where does the marriage relationship stand with respect to any other public authority? (CCC 2201-2203)
3. Why does the Catechism call the family a "domestic church"? How is the family a privileged community? (CCC 2204-2206)
4. What are the main duties of children? (CCC 2214-2220)
5. What are the main duties of parents? (CCC 2221-2231)
6. Why is human life sacred? (CCC 2258-2262)
7. If human life is sacred, can one kill in defense of life? When is such defense not only legitimate but even a grave duty? (CCC 2263-2267)
8. Why are abortion and euthanasia such grave sins? (CCC 2270-2283)
9. What is the Church's teaching on peace and on war? (CCC 2302-2317)

10. What is the significance of sexuality, sexual differences, and the complementarity and equality of the sexes? What does the union of man and woman in marriage imitate? (CCC 2331-2336)

11. What is chastity? How is it a virtue? Why does it ensure the integrity of the person? (CCC 2337-2345)

12. What are some of the forms of chastity? What are the main offenses against it? (CCC 2348-2356)

13. If fecundity is an end of marriage, how can couples regulate the size of their families? Which methods of ensuring fertility are acceptable, and which are not (and why)? (CCC 2366-2379)

14. What are the main offenses against the dignity of marriage? (CCC 2380-2391)

15. What is the relationship between private ownership of property and the universal destination of goods? What is the role of political authority in the realm of property ownership? CCC 2401-2406)

16. What are some of the virtues associated with respect for persons and their goods? What are some of the offenses against it? (CCC 2407-2414)

17. What does the eighth commandment forbid? What does it mean to “live in the truth”? (CCC 2464-2470)

18. What are the main offenses against the truth? (CCC 2475-2487)

19. What is “concupiscence”? Why does Christianity take a negative view of it? (CCC 2514-2516)
20. What does it mean to be “pure of heart”? Aside from its future reward, what does purity of heart provide now? (CCC 2517-2519)
21. How can we fight the battle to retain or maintain our purity? What is modesty, and how is it related to the virtue of temperance? (CCC 2520-2527)
22. What are the three “lusts” (forms of concupiscence) that St. John recognizes? Which of these relates most to the tenth commandment? (CCC 2514, 2534)
23. Why are greed and envy considered “capital sins” against the tenth commandment? (What *is* a “capital sin”?) Is it always wrong to desire what belongs to someone else? (CCC 1866, 2535-2540)
24. How does the Catechism apply the tension between law and grace to the tenth commandment? (How is that interpretation different from what you might have been taught to understand?) (CCC 2541-2543)
25. What is poverty of heart? What can true poverty of heart lead to? (CCC 2544-2550)