

Ten Commandments (Love of God)

I: Honor God

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Ten Commandments (Love of Neighbor)

IV: Honor Your Parents

V: Honor Human Life

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VIII: Honor the Truth

Ten Commandments (Summary)

- **Applied Morality**
- **Justice, Truth**
- **Life & Death**
- **Love (Sex & Marriage)**
- **Chastity**
- **Homosexuality**

See http://www.cpats.org/holyquotes/documents/_all_catholic_verses.htm

Four Pillars of the Catholic Faith

- **The Ten Commandments (Life in Christ)**
- **The Creed (the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed)**
- **The Seven Sacraments**
- **The Our Father (Prayer)**

Applied Morality

Morality = Referring to the goodness or evil of human acts. Human freedom makes a person a "moral subject" or agent, able to judge the morality (goodness or evil) of the acts which are chosen. The morality of human acts depends on the object (or nature) of the action, the intentional or end foreseen, and the circumstances of the action (CCC 1749; cf. 407).

Contraception

Genesis 1:27-28 (Genesis 9:1; 35:11) - "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth"

Genesis 38:9-10 - (Onan killed for spilling his seed on the ground, not for disobeying Levirate law whose penalty was not death. See Deuteronomy 25:5-10)

Exodus 23:25-26 - blessings promised; no miscarriage, no barrenness, I shall give you your full term of life

Deuteronomy 7:13-14 - you will be blessed: no male or female barrenness

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 - penalty for defying Levirate law: not death

Leviticus 20:13 - if man lies with man, put to death (wasting seed)

Leviticus 20:15 - if man lies with animal put to death (sterile sex)

Leviticus 20:16 - if woman lies with animal put to death (sterile sex)

Leviticus 21:17-20 - crushed testicles are called a defect and blemish

Deuteronomy 23:1 - no one who is castrated shall enter the assembly

Deuteronomy 25:11-12 - punishment for potential damage to genitals

Psalms 127:3-5 - children are a gift from God; How blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them

1 Chronicles 25:4-5 - God gave 14 sons and 3 daughters to exalt him

1 Chronicles 26:4-5 - (God blessed Obed-edom with 8 sons.)

Hosea 9:10-17 - Israel is punished with childlessness

Matthew 21:19, Mark 11:14 - Jesus cursed the fruitless fig tree

Luke 18:16 - "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them"

Acts 5:1-11 - Ananias/Saphira slain withholding part of gift

Romans 1:25-27 - the natural function of women is child bearing

Galatians 5:20; Revelation 9:21, 21:8 - Greek *pharmakeia* = abortifacient potions

Galatians 6:7-8 - God is not mocked - accepting pleasure, denying fruit

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, glorify God in your body

1 Timothy 2:11-15 - women saved through the bearing of children

See also: - References in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: CCC 2366-2372

Justice, Truth

Justice = The cardinal moral virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and to neighbor (CCC 1807).

Original justice refers to the state of holiness in which God created our first parents (CCC 375).

Commutative justice, which obliges respect for the rights of the other, is required by the seventh commandment; it is distinguished from legal justice, which concerns what the citizen owes to the community, and distributive justice, which regulates what the community owes its citizens in proportion to their contributions and needs (CCC 2411).

Social Justice = The respect for the human person and the rights which flow from human dignity and guarantee it. Society must provide the conditions that allow people to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and vocation (CCC 1928, 1931).

Truth = Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

See also John 1:14, 17; 8:31-32; 16:13; 17:17; 18:37-38;

Life & Death

The Fifth Commandment (see CCC 2258-2330).

See also Catholicism for Dummies pp 190-191.

"You shall not kill." (Ex 20:13; cf. Deut 5:17)

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill: and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment." (Mt 5:21-22)

Morality: Abortion

God knows and loves us from the womb

Job 10:8 - "your hands have formed me and fashioned me; will you then turn and destroy me?"

Psalms 22:11 - "from my mother's womb you are my God"

Psalms 139:13-15 - "you formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb"

Isaiah 44:2 - "the LORD formed you from the womb"

Isaiah 49:1-15 - "formed me as his servant from the womb"

Luke 1:41 - "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb."

See also: - Ecclesiastes 11:5, Isaiah 44:24

Children have identity and purpose from the womb

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 49:7 - "Jeremiah ... even in the womb had been made a prophet"

Wisdom 7:1 - "in my mother's womb, I was molded into flesh"

Jeremiah 1:5 - "before I formed you in the womb I knew you ... dedicated you"

See also: - Jeremiah 20:15-18, Hosea 12:2-4

Love (Sex & Marriage)

Sixth and Ninth Commandments (see CCC 2331-2400 and 2514-2533)

"You shall not commit adultery." (Ex 20:14; Deut 5:18)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's." (Ex 20:17)

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Mt 5:27-28)

Chastity

Chastity = The moral virtue which, under the cardinal virtue of temperance, provides for the successful integration of sexuality within the person leading to the inner unity of the bodily and spiritual being (CCC 2337). Chastity is called one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1832).

Praised

Proverbs 22:11 - "The LORD loves the pure of heart"

Wisdom 3:13 - "blessed is she who ... knew not the transgression of the marriage bed"

Wisdom 4:1 - "Better is childlessness with virtue"

Chastity, Virginity held in high esteem

Matthew 19:10-12 - (Jesus specifies only some are called to this vocation)

1 Corinthians 7:8-9 - (Paul says the unmarried and widow should stay as they are)

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - (Married are anxious about their spouses; unmarried/virgins are free to focus on God)

Revelation 14:4 - "they are virgins and these are the ones who follow the Lamb"

Chastity, Virginity preferable to marriage

Psalms 45:15 - "In embroidered apparel she is led to the king"

Matthew 22:30 - "at the resurrection they are neither married nor are given in marriage"

Titus 2:4-5 - "train younger women ... to be ... chaste"

Better for ministry

Matthew 19:12 - "some ... have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom"

1 Corinthians 7:25-28 - (St. Paul recommends virginity/single life in ministry work.)

Recommended to ministers of the Church

1 Timothy 3:2 - "bishop must be ... married only once"

1 Timothy 3:8 - "deacons must be dignified"

Chastity, Fornication provokes God's anger

Deuteronomy 22:21 - (Law calls for stoning of girls who fornicate in their father's house)

Proverbs 6:29 - "[your] neighbor's wife - none who touches her shall go unpunished"

1 Corinthians 6:9 - "neither fornicators ... nor adulterers ... will inherit the kingdom of

God"

Hebrews 13:4 - "God will judge the immoral and adulterers."

See also: - Jeremiah 5:7, Hosea 4:14

Chastity, Fornication should be avoided

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 42:12 - "Let her not parade her charms before men"

Deuteronomy 5:18 - "You shall not commit adultery"

Chastity, Impure thoughts should be forbidden

Exodus 20:17 - "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife"

Matthew 5:28 - "one who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery"

See also: - Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 9:4, Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 42:18-21, Proverbs 6:25

Homosexuality

Scripture clearly describes homosexual acts as abominations. The city of Sodom (Genesis 18-19) was not destroyed for its lack of hospitality to the angels of the Lord. It was destroyed for its homosexual depravity. The Church teaches that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2357), yet the Church also calls us to embrace homosexuals with love and to encourage them to live life's of chastity. Regardless of the source of homosexual inclinations, which the Church says are "objectively disordered", the "urges" themselves are not sinful. For most people, these urges constitute trials which must be resisted like any other temptation. In short, the Church teaches us to hate the sin of homosexual acts, but to love the sinners who engage in those acts. See more about the Church's teachings in CCC 2357-2359.

Genesis 1 - complementarity of sexes reflects God's inner unity

Genesis 2 - transmission of life through total self donation where the two become one flesh

Genesis 19 - God destroys Sodom for its homosexual perversions.

Leviticus 18:22 - "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman." (cut off from people {verse 29})

Leviticus 20:13 - (If man lies with a man, they shall be put to death for their abominable deed.)

Romans 1:24-27 - "... handed them over to impurity ... mutual degradation of their bodies" ... "female exchange natural relations for unnatural ... Males did shameful things with males"

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - "neither ... boy prostitutes nor sodomites ... will inherit the kingdom" (active homosexuals won't inherit the kingdom of God)

1 Timothy 1:10 - those who engage in such acts called "sinners" ...are opposed to sound teaching."