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FUNDOCY Homework: Commandments 7 & 8

Lesson Taught on April 15, 2018

Homework due: April 29, 2018

We are commanded not to steal....but the opportunities abound around us...from cheating on a test, to downloading music online, to folks who cheat on their income taxes. We are commanded to not take anything from others, and more than that, God wants us to help protect others, their property and their means of making a living.

We are commanded not to bear false witness against anyone...so what does that mean for us now? We are commanded to tell the truth and to defend others, speak well of them and explain their actions in the kindest ways.

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read and highlight Exodus 20:15

Write the seventh commandment here:

2. In Luther's Small Catechism, he explains the commandments. Find a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, you may have one in your Fundocy Binder, at church you can find it in the hymnal on page 1160. Look up commandments 7 and 8. Fill in the following blanks:

The seventh commandment:

What is this? or What does this mean? _____

The eighth commandment: _____

What is this? or What does this mean? _____

3. Which of the following is not stealing?

- a) Loafing on the job
- b) Shoplifting
- c) Copying MP3s, DVDs, and software
- d) None of the above

4. To steal means:

- a) To take something without permission
- b) To use something, then put it back before anyone notices
- c) Borrow something for an extended duration and forget to return it
- d) A, B, and sometimes C

5. Look up and define the following words:

a) Dishonesty: _____

b) Honesty: _____

c) Integrity: _____

d) Gossip: _____

e) False Witness: _____

f) Slander: _____

6. Read and highlight Exodus 20:15. Write the eighth commandment here:

7. Breaking the “stealing” commandment includes:

- a) Taking our neighbor’s money
- b) Taking our neighbor’s property
- c) Getting things in dishonest ways
- d) All of the above

8. Keeping the “stealing” commandment includes:

- a) Helping our neighbors improve and protect their property
- b) Helping our neighbors improve and protect their means of making a living
- c) Both A & B
- d) Buying Lotto tickets whenever it reaches one hundred million or more and donating to charity

9. A lie told intentionally is called:

- a) Slander
- b) Payback
- c) Misnomer
- d) Politics as usual

10. To truly keep the intent of the “false witness” commandment:

- a) Defend our neighbors
- b) Speak well of our neighbors
- c) Both A & B, and explain their actions in the kindest ways
- d) Both A & B, but not try to explain their actions

11. Breaking the “false witness” commandment also breaks the:

- a) “Killing” and “stealing” commandments because we are killing and stealing someone’s reputation
- b) Golden Rule
- c) First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- d) Both A and B

Part II: Reflection Questions (there are no wrong answers here!)

1. Describe a time in your life when something you valued was stolen from you. What happened? How did you feel? What did you do about it?

2. What do you think about downloading/sharing music and movies or copying DVD's and computer software? Is this breaking the seventh commandment? What do some people say to justify doing it?

3. Where do you draw the line between talking about other people, gossip and bearing false witness?

4. What could you do to make things right if you have said something that harmed another person's reputation?

5. You notice your teacher gave you a higher grade than you deserved on a test. You approach her desk and.....

Now stop...fill in the blanks to this prayer....and then pray.

Dear God,

Good and gracious God, thanks for the gift of this day. Thank you for loving me and caring for me. You continue to grace us with love, compassion and forgiveness.

Guide my heart and my mind to be true to others. Help me to speak well of others and to defend them.

Open my eyes to see ways to help others and protect them and their property.

I give you thanks for _____ and _____. Here are some things that worry me _____ and _____.

I know you are always with me...in the easy times and the hard times, continue to help me tell others about your love and care for each and every one of us.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.