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## Unit 3 Reading Guide

# Obedience, Honesty, and Justice

## Chapter 7: The Fourth Commandment: Respecting Authority

### Article 24: Families in the Bible

1. The Fourth Commandment isn't limited to just the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It applies to our relationships with all \_\_\_\_\_: teachers, coaches, law officers, civil authorities, and so on.
2. Theological Virtues is the name given for the God-given virtues of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. These virtues enable us to know God as God and lead us to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in mind and heart.
3. Failing to accept the truths of our faith can lead to the sin of \_\_\_\_\_, which is to either disregard the truths of faith or to question them without seeking to further \_\_\_\_\_. This can lead even further to \_\_\_\_\_, which is to deny an essential truth of our faith, or even \_\_\_\_\_, which is to reject the Christian faith completely.
4. Placing our hope in God means to confidently expect his \_\_\_\_\_ in this life and the reward of \_\_\_\_\_ in the next. We must avoid the sin of \_\_\_\_\_, which is to stop believing that God cares for us and that he will \_\_\_\_\_ his promises to us.
5. We can fail in many ways to return God's love, such as through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ to loving him.
6. The Catholic Church is strongly against any \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. We follow the example of God, who honors each person's \_\_\_\_\_ to accept God's gift of faith.

### Article 25: Parent and Child Responsibilities

1. The New Law teaches that in addition to \_\_\_\_\_ loving and honoring their \_\_\_\_\_, parents also have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their children.
2. The Church teaches that the attitudes children owe parents are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We should find opportunities to express our \_\_\_\_\_ to our parents for \_\_\_\_\_ us with what we need in order to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually.



4. The commandment to honor our mother and father should help to provide the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to trust our parents' \_\_\_\_\_, even when we don't agree with the importance or the reason behind their request.
5. Our parents have the responsibility to teach us about \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and to make \_\_\_\_\_ for our safety—even if it means telling us things we would rather not hear.
6. Ideally, our parents are our first \_\_\_\_\_, teaching us the truths revealed by God for our salvation. For this reason, the family home is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 26: Respect for Public Life

1. Our faith should strongly influence our \_\_\_\_\_. This book uses the phrase “\_\_\_\_\_” instead of “political life” to be as expansive as possible.
2. These New Testament passages teach us that all \_\_\_\_\_ is rooted in God, and because of that we owe our \_\_\_\_\_ to civil authority except when it becomes clear that such \_\_\_\_\_ is in conflict with God's moral law.
3. The natural law established by God should be the \_\_\_\_\_ for all public groups, Christian and non-Christian, including all \_\_\_\_\_. All public groups and organizations are called by God to respect his \_\_\_\_\_ through their understanding of natural law.
4. No public group or government \_\_\_\_\_ God's will or perfectly follows his moral law. This should not \_\_\_\_\_ from participating in these groups and witnessing to the moral law.
5. When faced with these situations (sinful laws and public actions), it can be helpful to remember that Christians are called to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. This means that we are called to give \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith and to God's moral law in all that we say and do.

## Article 27: Faithful Citizenship

1. The phrase “faithful citizenship” is clever because it has a \_\_\_\_\_ meaning. On the one hand, it indicates that Catholics are to strive to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their country, obeying its just laws and being \_\_\_\_\_ in the political process. On the other hand, it also can be read to mean that Catholics must first be \_\_\_\_\_ to God in their role as citizens.
2. A basic moral principle is that the state \_\_\_\_\_ for the good of its \_\_\_\_\_, not the other way around. The state exists to defend and promote the \_\_\_\_\_ of society.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the union of one's heart and mind with those who are \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or who face an injustice. It is an act of Christian charity.
4. States must protect citizens' \_\_\_\_\_, especially the freedom of speech and the freedom to choose and practice their \_\_\_\_\_.



5. What has become increasingly evident in the last century is how important the Christian virtue of \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_ a just and peaceful world. People are \_\_\_\_\_ through technology, through business and financial practices, and through environmental practices.
6. Our civic communities require the active cooperation and participation of all \_\_\_\_\_ in order to work \_\_\_\_\_. By obeying civic laws, paying taxes, voting, and giving our opinion on public policies and issues, we help to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ based on truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom.
7. If we have properly formed our conscience and believe that a particular law is \_\_\_\_\_, we are obliged not to follow it. Disobeying the \_\_\_\_\_ of a civil authority or refusing to follow an immoral law is called \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 8: The Eighth Commandment: Reality versus Illusion

### Article 28: Honesty: The Key to Being Real

1. The Eighth Commandment is probably the most \_\_\_\_\_ commandment of all the Ten Commandments. Why? Because when we break one of the other nine \_\_\_\_\_, we usually end up \_\_\_\_\_ to ourselves or someone else.
2. The Eighth Commandment instructs, "You shall not bear \_\_\_\_\_ against your neighbor" for very good reason. Not only do \_\_\_\_\_ destroy trust and may lead to other crimes, but they also directly affect our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
3. God calls us to live in the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth and not in the \_\_\_\_\_ of lies, duplicity, and hypocrisy. We exercise the virtue of truth through the \_\_\_\_\_ of our actions and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our words.
4. Lies are \_\_\_\_\_, and they endanger both our earthly happiness and our \_\_\_\_\_. The danger is that we can begin to believe the lies ourselves. We lose the ability to distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, we are called to participate in his mission by \_\_\_\_\_ to his Father's plan of salvation. Truly there can be no greater honor for us than to help other people to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### Article 29: Becoming a Person of Integrity

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the "inner voice," guided by human reason and Divine Law, that enables us to judge the \_\_\_\_\_ of a specific action that has been made, is being made, or will be made. This judgment enables us to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, in order to accomplish good and avoid evil.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the act of making amends for something one did wrong that caused \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ harm to another person.



3. Honesty builds personal integrity, and integrity builds \_\_\_\_\_. To be worthy of another person's \_\_\_\_\_, we must be truthful in all our words and deeds. We cannot be dishonest and hope to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When we fail to be honest, at the very minimum we damage our own \_\_\_\_\_. We think less of ourselves and find it harder to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. But because every sin has \_\_\_\_\_, the web of deceit often gets larger without our even realizing it.
5. The duty to make \_\_\_\_\_ is binding on our conscience, which means we will not be free from responsibility and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ until we have made the best efforts possible to \_\_\_\_\_ any damage caused by our dishonesty.
6. Sometimes it is \_\_\_\_\_—even morally necessary—to \_\_\_\_\_ something that someone has asked us not to share with others. This situation occurs when not sharing something means that someone might experience \_\_\_\_\_.

### Article 30: Other Sins against Honesty

1. Telling the truth in a public hearing or \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, where often the common good or another person's reputation and freedom are at stake, is an especially \_\_\_\_\_. A lie told in these circumstances is called \_\_\_\_\_. A lie told while under oath is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is unnecessarily revealing something about another person that is true but is harmful to his or her \_\_\_\_\_. It is a sin against the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is ruining the reputation of another person by lying or spreading rumors. It is also called \_\_\_\_\_ and is a sin against the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is excessive flattery, praise, or admiration for another person.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ is another sin that often involves a misuse of the truth. It is certainly moral to share our accomplishments and successes with other people. But if we \_\_\_\_\_ those things to make them seem more praiseworthy, or if we share our accomplishments in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ to ourselves at the expense of others, it is morally wrong.
6. The welfare and safety of others, respect for privacy, and the common good are \_\_\_\_\_ for being silent or discreet about the truth. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the truth to someone who will use it to \_\_\_\_\_ another person.

### Article 31: Calling Society to Integrity

1. The Eighth Commandment has an important \_\_\_\_\_ that should guide the creation and use of all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's will is that \_\_\_\_\_ be sources of truth and moral entertainment. This means, for example, that news outlets should present the news \_\_\_\_\_, making sure their sources are \_\_\_\_\_ and their facts are \_\_\_\_\_.



3. A society must protect an artist's basic \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. But even in countries that accept this moral principle, artists should use their skills to \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping with God's will.
4. The Church encourages the creation of \_\_\_\_\_, art that evokes and glorifies the mystery of God.

## Chapter 9: The Seventh and Tenth Commandments: Justice versus Injustice

### Article 32: Biblical Teaching on Possessions

1. Both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments give witness to a basic moral truth that is related to the \_\_\_\_\_: God has given the Earth and all its resources to the whole \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of and enjoy. When we take care of the Earth and distribute its resources \_\_\_\_\_, no person needs to live in poverty or hunger.
2. The fact that the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ are meant to be shared by all people does not negate the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The right to private property is not \_\_\_\_\_, even in the Old Testament. The right to private property is subordinate to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth's resources and the common good.
4. In his teachings on \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus makes clear at least four things. First, poverty is not a sign that God is \_\_\_\_\_ with someone. Second, God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for those who experience poverty. Third, lust for wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ to our spiritual welfare. Fourth, wealth is to be \_\_\_\_\_ with others, especially those in need.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is generally a short story that uses everyday images to communicate \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus used \_\_\_\_\_ frequently in his teaching as a way of presenting the Good News of salvation.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ requires that we return what we have stolen in the same condition it was when we stole it, or its \_\_\_\_\_.

### Article 33: Called to Be Just

1. The Church has a responsibility to make judgments about \_\_\_\_\_ that affect the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls and, when necessary, to be prophetic in calling society to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the teaching of the Church on the truth of Revelation about human dignity, human solidarity, and the principles of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; and on the moral judgments about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ matters required by such truths.



3. The Life and Dignity of the \_\_\_\_\_, a social doctrine theme, teaches that a just society is based on the principle that human life is \_\_\_\_\_ and that every individual has an innate, God-given dignity. This means that \_\_\_\_\_ are always more important than \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Option for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, a social doctrine theme, emphasizes that Christ's teaching and example are clear that we are to love both those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and those who are \_\_\_\_\_ but that we have a special obligation to put the needs of those who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ first, even above our own comforts and wants.
5. Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are needed as part of our response to social injustice. Works of \_\_\_\_\_ are more immediate, and often the results are easier to see. Works of \_\_\_\_\_ are more long term, more complex to deal with, and the results may never come.

## Article 34: Calling Society to Justice

1. In light of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment, "You shall not steal," workers have important responsibilities to their \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Companies and employers have the responsibility to make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ they provide contribute to the good of society and not to its harm. They must be sure that their manufacturing processes do not harm their \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_. They have a responsibility to provide their \_\_\_\_\_ with fair and just wages and benefits.
3. Pope Francis has issued an urgent call to all the people of the world to change the way we treat \_\_\_\_\_, saying that if we don't do this soon, the consequences will be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The people who suffer the most from climate change are the \_\_\_\_\_ among us. Addressing climate change and \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ is also a social justice issue.
5. Whatever the causes, \_\_\_\_\_ must not exploit \_\_\_\_\_ through practices like forcing poor nations into high interest international loans, supporting \_\_\_\_\_ government officials, selling \_\_\_\_\_ to governments that oppress their people, or buying goods from companies that abuse their workers or do not pay their workers \_\_\_\_\_.
6. By helping individual nations to develop just and fair \_\_\_\_\_ and to develop government systems that support human rights, the entire \_\_\_\_\_ grows stronger.

## Article 35: Envy and Greed

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ that we direct at others who have some success, thing, or privilege that we want for ourselves. It is one of the capital sins and contrary to the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the desire to \_\_\_\_\_ earthly goods beyond what we need. It is one of the capital sins and contrary to the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment.



3. Envy and greed are two of the seven \_\_\_\_\_. This means that they are often at the \_\_\_\_\_ of many other \_\_\_\_\_, such as cheating, theft, lying, and even violence against other people.
4. The sin of \_\_\_\_\_—copying someone else's \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ without permission or without giving proper credit—has existed for centuries. But it has become far easier to commit \_\_\_\_\_ because of the vast amount of information on the internet.
5. Once we recognize feelings of envy and greed, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to make. We can choose to hold on to them, dwell on them, and let them grow in our heart and mind, and thus let \_\_\_\_\_. Or we can choose to banish them and replace them by exercising the virtues of \_\_\_\_\_ toward others, personal \_\_\_\_\_, and trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### Article 36: Living Simply So Others May Simply Live

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the preoccupation with buying and having more \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When some people accumulate too much \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, it often means that other people have less and sometimes so much less that people are kept \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus' life and teaching revealed that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (sometimes called spiritual poverty) is necessary for us to be in communion with God. People who have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ recognize their need for God.
4. Christ's actions reflected his words (about voluntary poverty). During the three years of his active ministry, he did not own a \_\_\_\_\_ or any \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the clothes on his back.
5. When you use less of the world's resources, you allow a more \_\_\_\_\_ for people in greater need. In choosing to \_\_\_\_\_, money saved might be used for \_\_\_\_\_, which is making monetary contributions to help people who are poor and needy.

