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## Unit 5 Reading Guide

# Making Good Moral Choices

## Chapter 12: Gifts and Guides

### Article 47: Called to Be Holy

1. We must never forget that the goal of Christian morality is to live a \_\_\_\_\_ , a life that is purified from sin and darkness and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ for God, others, and ourselves.
2. Letting \_\_\_\_\_ fill us and flow through us is the only way that human beings will overcome sin and grow in holiness. It is the reason for which we were created and how we find our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. In the most general sense, a \_\_\_\_\_ is the call from God to share his love with others and grow in holiness. All Christians share this common \_\_\_\_\_ , grounded in the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.
4. Vocation in the more specific sense is a \_\_\_\_\_ to live a holy life as an ordained \_\_\_\_\_ , as a consecrated \_\_\_\_\_ , in Christian marriage, or in the dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Article 48: Grace

1. Theologically defined, \_\_\_\_\_ is the free and undeserved \_\_\_\_\_ of God's loving and active presence in our lives, empowering us to respond to his call and to live as his \_\_\_\_\_ sons and daughters. \_\_\_\_\_ restores our loving communion with the Holy Trinity, lost through sin.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grace is the grace that heals our human nature wounded by sin and restores us to \_\_\_\_\_ with God by giving us a share in the divine life of the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a supernatural gift of God, infused into our souls by the \_\_\_\_\_ , that continues the work of making us holy.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grace is the work of God in our lives, either preparing us for \_\_\_\_\_ or helping in our \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ graces are the special gifts we receive through the Seven \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. \_\_\_\_\_ graces, also called \_\_\_\_\_ , are given to us to build up the Church.
6. The Gifts of the \_\_\_\_\_ are related to grace because they are also unmerited spiritual gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit at \_\_\_\_\_ and increased in us at \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Article 49: The Cardinal Virtues

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ are based on the Latin word *cardo*, meaning “pivot,” and are four \_\_\_\_\_ that are viewed as pivotal or \_\_\_\_\_ for full Christian living: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ directs you to approach moral problems \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Also called wise judgment, \_\_\_\_\_ relies heavily on our reason.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the virtue concerned with giving both God and neighbor what is their \_\_\_\_\_. It is the habit of considering the \_\_\_\_\_ of others as much as your own \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The virtue of \_\_\_\_\_ is about \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in all areas of our lives.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ gives you strength to overcome the temptation to give in to \_\_\_\_\_. It is the habit of doing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing even though part of you wants to do the \_\_\_\_\_ thing. \_\_\_\_\_ is also called moral courage or moral strength.

## Article 50: The Theological Virtues

1. Faith, hope, and love—the \_\_\_\_\_ —are the foundation from which all human virtues flow. \_\_\_\_\_ means “of the study of God.” These virtues are theological because through them, we are drawn into deeper \_\_\_\_\_ of and \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Trinity.
2. Faith is belief in God. It is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. Faith is the gift of God inviting us to believe in him, never forcing our \_\_\_\_\_. Faith is also our response—we \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the offer.
3. Hope in God is closely connected to our faith. It enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ on the prize of Heaven and eternal life. It inspires us in this life, helping us to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The virtue of love is also called “\_\_\_\_\_,” the Theological Virtue by which we love \_\_\_\_\_ above all things and, out of that love of God, love our \_\_\_\_\_ as ourself.

## Article 51: The Sacraments

1. The sacraments are necessary for our \_\_\_\_\_; they are necessary for us to live a \_\_\_\_\_; they are necessary for us to grow in holiness.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is the beginning of our Christian moral journey, and through it we receive the grace we need to turn our lives toward God and be \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Through \_\_\_\_\_, the grace received at Baptism is \_\_\_\_\_, strengthening our bond with the Church and enriching our lives with an outpouring of the \_\_\_\_\_.



4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the source and summit of the moral life. Listening to the Word of God and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us to resist \_\_\_\_\_ and to make the sacrifices needed to share Christ's love and justice with the world.

## Article 52: The Role of Conscience

1. Our conscience is at work through all \_\_\_\_\_ of moral decision-making. It helps us recognize that a particular choice or action has \_\_\_\_\_ to consider.
2. Our conscience is also at work when we are \_\_\_\_\_ a moral decision. It helps us to apply \_\_\_\_\_ in judging the most moral course of action in a particular situation.
3. To use reason well in making \_\_\_\_\_, we must educate ourselves about Divine Law. This process is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When it comes to following our conscience, there is one essential \_\_\_\_\_ to follow: We must always obey the judgment of a \_\_\_\_\_. When our conscience has been properly prepared and we are \_\_\_\_\_ about the morally right course of action to take, we \_\_\_\_\_ that action.
5. When faced with a moral decision, our conscience can make either a \_\_\_\_\_ in keeping with reason and Divine Law or it can make an \_\_\_\_\_ that is not in keeping with reason and Divine Law.
6. To be \_\_\_\_\_ is to be guilty of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 13: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

### Article 53: The Biblical Call to Forgiveness

1. The Word of God calls us to both seek and give \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Even though there is a great deal of " \_\_\_\_\_ " in the laws and stories of the Old Testament, the seeds for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are planted in its books.
3. The seeds about God's forgiveness planted in the Old Testament come into full bloom in the \_\_\_\_\_. In Jesus' teaching, we come to understand that forgiveness is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
4. Jesus makes a connection between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Those who admit their sin and seek forgiveness experience an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts—love for God, love for themselves, and love for others.
5. Through the forgiveness of our sins, God has erased the huge \_\_\_\_\_ caused by our sin. How then can we not be \_\_\_\_\_ and forgive those who have sinned against us? Clearly, we must not only seek forgiveness, but we must also be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ those who have sinned against us.



## Article 54: Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation

1. If we humans have the tendency to deny our \_\_\_\_\_, what breaks through the denial and prompts us to seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? It is the voice of \_\_\_\_\_, that inner guide God has placed in every human heart.
2. Recognizing and \_\_\_\_\_ from our sin and committing not to sin again is called \_\_\_\_\_, and having a contrite heart is essential when asking God for forgiveness.
3. Once we realize that we have committed a \_\_\_\_\_ and are contrite, we should ask for God's forgiveness in our \_\_\_\_\_ and then confess our sins and receive \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as soon as we can.
4. Penance in general is an attitude of the heart in which one experiences \_\_\_\_\_ for past sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_ in behaviors or attitudes. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, the priest \_\_\_\_\_ penitents a penance to help them make \_\_\_\_\_ for their sins.
5. Expressing our \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins to the people we have hurt and making \_\_\_\_\_ for the damage caused by our sin is part of the healing process. We \_\_\_\_\_ whether the other person chooses to forgive us. We can only do our best to express our \_\_\_\_\_ and leave the rest to the work of the Spirit.

## Article 55: Granting Forgiveness

1. The saints and spiritual leaders teach that it is important to \_\_\_\_\_ who have hurt us, even if they have not asked for our \_\_\_\_\_. "Remember," someone once said, "that reconciliation takes two, but \_\_\_\_\_ only requires one."
2. Saint Ambrose (ca. 340–397) once said, "No one heals himself by \_\_\_\_\_ another." Medical researchers have traced the lack of forgiveness to physical conditions such as higher blood pressure, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and higher risk of alcohol and substance abuse.
3. God does not withhold forgiveness from us, but when we refuse to \_\_\_\_\_, we prevent ourselves from accepting his forgiving love. In a sense, when we \_\_\_\_\_ from those who have hurt us, we are choosing our own \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Forgiveness does not mean that you must allow an \_\_\_\_\_ back into your life, nor does it mean that you must trust or be vulnerable with a person who \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Do not let the person who has hurt you continue to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. You are a beloved child of God who has \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen you. Do the right thing—forgive and \_\_\_\_\_.

