

PreKeysis Schedule

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The Eighth & Tenth Commandments

Faith Fact: During the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, instead of from the Old Testament

Vocabulary:

1. lying: intentionally deceiving another person by deliberately saying what is false.
2. avarice: an excessive passion for wealth and the power often connected with wealth.
3. envy: the feeling of sadness that other people have something that they do not
4. covet: wrongfully treasure another person's possessions, abilities, talents, friends, achievements, etc; crave or lust after the blessings of others.
5. greed: the unchecked desire to have more and more things.

The Eight Commandment: Rd Ex 20:16

- What are some of the challenges you've faced to be honest and generous?
- Rd pg 193
- Why is lying a big deal?
 - i. Rd John 14:6—"the way, the truth, and the life"
 - ii. Rd 2 Samuel 7:28—"Lord God, you are God and your words are truth"
- We are made in the image and likeness of God who is truth, we are made to be like Him.

How are we called to be people of truth?

- Say what we mean
- Not deliberately deceive other people by saying one thing and meaning another (duplicity).
- We are not to disguise our true feelings (dissimulations).
- We are not to pretend to be what we are not or pretend to believe in something we really do not believe in (hypocrisy).
- *The gift of freedom that God has give us does not include, as some wrongly believe, the right to do or say anything.*

Bearing False Witness

- Vocab: lying

- You can be a good liar if you practice: Ways to deceive others
 - Perjury: lying under oath
 - Harming a person's reputation and honor:
 - rash judgment--rush to judge another's moral standing without sufficient reasons or evidence.
 - Detraction--unjust revealing to a third party of someone else's faults or feelings **GOSSIP**
 - Calumny--making true but damaging statements about another person's reputation or honor
 - Boasting: people who unnecessarily inflate their accomplishments and abilities (I once caught a fish THIS BIG)
- Telling lies tears down trust and separates people from one another
- Keeping Confidence
 - Situations that demand that we remain silent and not share what we know to be true.
 - We are not obligated to reveal the truth to someone who does not have a right to know.
 - Sometimes have an obligation not to reveal what we know—Confession, lawyer/client privilege

The Tenth Commandment: Rd Ex 20:17
- Vocab: covet
 - One of the seven capital sins—pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth.
 - Coveting can lead to theft, robbery, fraud, and even murder
- Rd Mt 6:21
- Vocab: avarice
 - One of the seven capital sins
 - Makes a god out of possessions
 - It turns a person's heart into a cold, steel bank vault
 - People like this never seem to have enough.
- The positives
 - Desiring the achievements and possessions of others can motivate us to use the gifts and talents with which God has blessed us.
 - Motivate us to work harder for good grades, better job, better position on a sports team
 - Our possessions, talents, and gifts are all blessings from God
 - Honor other's blessings and seek our possessions in a just way
- Vocab: Greed
 - Becomes a compulsion to have the greatest and latest

- Vocab: Envy
 - Blinds us to the truth that all blessings are from God
 - Greed caused by envy
 - Can lead to hatred of neighbor, telling lies about them, harming their reputations, and even rejoicing at their misfortunes.
 - Humility, goodwill, and trust in divine Providence help us see the goodness of our own lives and overcome the temptation to envy.
 - Read Mt 6:33—“Seek first the Kingdom of God”
- Describe characters from books or movies that violate the Tenth Commandment
 - Scrooge
 - The Grinch

Living the Gospel

- Rd Matthew 6:19-21
- If we fill our hearts with treasure instead of God, we’ll wind up having a spiritual heart attack
- We need to detach ourselves from material things. How can we practice detachment:
 - Regularly give things to Goodwill
 - Give money to the poor and to the church
 - Give your time and talents: Hospitality Center, Habitat for Humanity

Peer Pressure: Negative vs. Positive

- Collusion: a conspiracy or an agreement that a few people make for a negative or nasty purpose—making up a lie or a rumor and try and convince others to go along with it.
- Bullies
- Group peer pressure—go along with the crowd

- Instinct: Trust your own instincts—that gut feeling that something isn’t right
- Respect: Create a healthy environment, a group setting for supporting and listening to others
- Support: Seek out others who want to help