

Confirmation Class  
5<sup>th</sup> Commandment

1) Take Memory Work

2) Review Memory Work

*You shall not murder..*

What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

4) Who is our neighbor? \_\_\_\_\_

5) The fifth commandment tells us that God's will is that we value others and protect human life. So, "killing" someone involves:

(see *Keeping the Faith*, p. 31)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

6) Murder can be thought of in four ways:

A. Literal murder would mean \_\_\_\_\_.

(Examples: Gen.4:1-12; 2 Samuel 11:14-17; Matt. 27:19-26)

B. Another form of murder would be to hurt someone, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ their life.

(Example: Gen. 37:12-28)

C. Making another person feel \_\_\_\_\_ by quarreling, nagging, using angry words or giving them hateful looks also is a form of murder.

(Example: Matthew 5:21-24 and I John 3:11-15)

D. Neglecting someone or unwillingness to \_\_\_\_\_ them is also a form of murder.

(Example: Luke 10:30-34)

7) What happens when the fifth commandment is broken?

(see *Keeping the Faith*, p. 32)

A. Murder \_\_\_\_\_ life.

B. Murder \_\_\_\_\_ families and \_\_\_\_\_ friendships.

C. Murder \_\_\_\_\_ law and order.

D. Murder may be punishable by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ prison sentences.

E. Murder is \_\_\_\_\_. God has given authority to governments to punish murderers. Yet God promises \_\_\_\_\_ for those murderers who \_\_\_\_\_. (*see Romans 13:3-4*)

8) When is taking a life NOT considered murder?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

9) Remember, Martin Luther always gives us an idea of how to “keep” the commandment in his explanations to the commandments. How do we “keep” the fifth commandment? List some ways:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

(*see page 33, Keeping the Faith*)

10) Abortion – A medical procedure that terminates a woman’s pregnancy. In other words, abortion takes the life of an unborn child. Let’s see what Psalm 139:13-16 has to say about God’s view of life before birth.

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Also, in Jeremiah 1:4-5, read when God set Jeremiah apart for his mission:

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What might be some options for someone who finds out she is pregnant and is not sure she is ready to care for a child?

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11) Suicide – Taking one’s own life. Someone who would consider taking his/her own life, may have serious problems and is in need of help.

Signs that someone might be capable of suicide are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to never promise to keep a secret of someone who is having suicidal thoughts. You could say, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

12) Capital Punishment – Taking the life of a criminal as punishment for his/her crime. This is a hotly debated topic. God’s Word does give provision for capital punishment but some Christians struggle with taking a life in any way. They might feel that “life in prison” is punishment enough by taking away the “freedom” to live life the way they desire.

13) Tough Question: See column on right on page 33 of Keeping the Faith and comment. Do you think it is ok to bungee jump, sky dive, ride a roller coaster, etc? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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