

New City Catechism

Question 12: What does God require in the ninth and tenth Commandments?

Answer: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone.

James 2:8

Remind everyone that when the question asks what “God requires” in these commandments it is asking what they mean.

Commandment 9:

What is the ninth commandment?

(Not “what does God require of us” in it, but what, specifically, is the 9th commandment? Read Exodus 20:16 or Catechism Q8 for help).

What setting does the 9th commandment specifically apply to? (The courtroom, where a witness is giving testimony so that a just verdict can be reached).

Is God only concerned about lies in court or is he concerned about lies everywhere?

(Read Leviticus 19:11; Psalm 5:6; Revelation 21:8)

Obviously lying is a big deal to God. But what about lies that we consider “no big deal”?

(Read Psalm 12:1-3. How do these verses address “no big deal” lies?)

What about just not saying anything at all? Lies of omission?

(Read Leviticus 5:1. How does this verse address that?)

How can we keep from lying then?

(Read Galatians 1:10. How does Paul answer that here?)

Commandment 10:

What is the 10th commandment?

(Again, what does the commandment specifically say? Read Exodus 20:17 or Catechism Q8 for help).

What does this commandment *mean*, or, what is God requiring of us in this commandment?

(See the answer to Q12 above. Explain what “covet” means.)

What feelings are similar to envy?

(Jealousy, greed, selfishness)

What kinds of things are people jealous of?

(Read Hebrews 13:5-6. What does it say here about the love of money or greed?)

If we struggle with jealousy, what does it say about our relationship with God?

What are some of the things that cause us to be jealous or greedy for?

(Read Psalm 34:7 and Matthew 6:31-33. How do these verses help us with envy, jealousy and greed? Point out that God helps us with these things not by giving us everything we want, but by changing what we want—if we desire Him, His kingdom and His righteousness above all else, He will give us everything we need and satisfy our deepest desires.)

Wrap up by reviewing all 10 commandments.

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