

Lord's Day 38

Name: _____

Most of the wording of the Fourth Commandment is negative. The explanation of the Catechism is positive. This is in harmony with the fact that God treated the Old Testament saints as children, and the new dispensation saints as adults who have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Remember as you do this lesson that the Law of God is not outward, but a matter of the inner heart.

A. Answer carefully.

1. The Fourth Commandment requires of us first:
 - a. That the _____.
 - b. And that I diligently _____
 - 1) to _____
 - 2) to _____
 - 3) publicly _____
 - 4) and contribute _____.
2. The Fourth Commandment requires secondly that _____

_____.
3. The Jews observed the Sabbath on the last day of the week; we observe the first day of the week. Why the change? _____

4. Which is better, for parents to give their children a list of do's and don't's for the Sabbath, or for parents to teach their children the principles of the Sabbath? Explain your answer. _____

5. The Pharisees were concerned with the outward, legal keeping of the Sabbath Day.
 - a. Read Matthew 12:10-13. Here Jesus _____ on the Sabbath. Then Jesus taught that it is lawful to _____.
 - b. Read Mark 2:23-28. Jesus' disciples _____ on the Sabbath. The Pharisees objected to this. In verse 27, we read the important words, "

_____"

6. The Fourth Commandment is based on the fact that God _____

7. Does the Fourth Commandment teach us to labor six days in each week? _____

B. True or False.

___ 1. We can keep the Sabbath Day holy merely by going to church twice on Sunday.

___ 2. There does not seem to be much Sabbath desecration in our day.

___ 3. There is a relation between our Sabbath and the eternal rest of heaven.

___ 4. Amusements present a danger to the Christian as he strives to keep the Sabbath holy.

___ 5. The idea of the Sabbath must work through every day of the week.

___ 6. It makes no difference what day we set aside for the weekly Sabbath.

___ 7. The purpose of the Sabbath is that we enter into the rest God has prepared for us.

___ 8. The purpose of the Sabbath is that we do no work, in order to rest up for the coming week.

___ 9. Those things which are Kingdom-centered are proper activities for the Sabbath Day.

C. Thought Question: (You may discuss this with your parents before writing your answer.)

What does the Fourth Commandment have to do with the covenant of friendship that God has established with us? In your answer, try to relate the two, as far as this present life and the life to come are concerned. _____
