

Lord's Day 40

Name: _____

In the Sixth Commandment we are taught to love God by loving the neighbor's *person*, his life and welfare. This brief commandment seems only to speak of the actual taking of a person's life (murder). But as we will see, much, much more is involved than that. In thankfulness to God, young people must learn to keep this commandment also.

A. What is prohibited? (Questions and Answers 105 and 106)

1. The Sixth Commandment can be broken in many different ways.

a. In what four ways is it possible to dishonor, hate, wound, or kill the neighbor? _____,

_____, _____.

b. Quote Matthew 5:22 to show that this commandment applies to more than the act of murder. “ _____

_____”

2. We must also be careful concerning our own life and health.

a. Killing of self is called _____.

b. Give examples of how we might “expose ourselves to danger.”

1) _____

2) _____

3. The Catechism teaches that the magistrate is armed with the sword to prevent murder.

a. What is capital punishment? _____

b. Read Genesis 9:6. Is capital punishment biblical? _____

c. Explain how this prevents murder. _____

4. God hates not only murder, but also the causes, or the things that lead to murder.

a. What are these causes? _____, _____, _____, _____

b. Quote I John 3:15: “ _____

_____”

5. Is war murder? _____ May a Christian fight in his country’s wars? _____
Explain: _____

B. The positive requirements (Question and Answer 107).

1. Not only does God forbid envy, hatred, and anger, but He also commands us to:
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. Prevent _____
 - d. Do _____

2. The loving of our enemies is sometimes hard to understand.

a. Quote Matthew 5:44 to show our calling. “ _____

_____”

b. Quote I Peter 2:23 to show that Jesus always kept His own words. “ _____

_____”

c. After thinking the matter through, explain how you would show love to a neighbor who did not go to church, who swore and cursed, and who was completely worldly in his life. _____

