

## Memorial OPC Adult Sunday School - Westminster Shorter Catechism – 2011-2012

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Q63: Which is the fifth commandment?

**A63: The fifth commandment is, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you.”**

Q64: What is required in the fifth commandment?

**A64: The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.**

Q65: What is the forbidden in the fifth commandment?

**A65: The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to every one in their several places and relations.**

Q66: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

**A66: The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.**

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### Psalm 127:1-5

**We must have absolute trust in the Lord when it comes to our homes.**

*Absolute trust in the Lord when it comes to...*

#### I. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Home

- A. Not by human ingenuity, wit, and wisdom – sociology; secular humanists
- B. Without God’s blueprint, without God’s Bible; without God’s manual – doomed to failure.
  - 1. Think of Babel
  - 2. Think of the rebuilding of Jericho by Hiel
  - 3. All for vanity and worthlessness
- C. Jesus is the home builder; sin and Satan are the home wreckers.

#### II. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Home

- A. What is a city, if not a collection of homes?
- B. The city, the collection of homes, need protection. From what?
  - 1. Playboy philosophy
  - 2. Drugs and alcohol
  - 3. Violence
  - 4. Stress
  - 5. Selfishness
  - 6. Separation of Church and Home
  - 7. Others...
- C. Who will protect the home? All is in vain if...

#### III. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of the Home

- A. The “R\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_” to get more and more.
  - 1. The pull and promise of materialism
  - 2. The enslavement of materialism
  - 3. The bread of sorrows...

B. Sufficiency, security, significance and satisfaction must be found in God

1. Godliness with contentment is great gain...
2. He gives His beloved sleep

#### IV. The C \_\_\_\_\_ of the Home

A. The D \_\_\_\_\_ of children

1. Not explained by chance
2. Not explained by biology
3. But from the Lord

B. The D \_\_\_\_\_ of children

1. Not a burden and liability, but a blessing – an inheritance and reward
2. Modern feminist movement – “Don’t let children rob you...”
3. Manly mantra – “Don’t let children tie you down and make you poor...”
4. The Word of God – “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.”

C. The D \_\_\_\_\_-ability of children

1. They are arrows to be shot – polished, pointed, propelled
2. In the hand – while they are there they can be directed.
  - a. If at all possible, do not farm-out the children to someone else.
  - b. Children need you – both Mom and Dad – there is no greater influence on them.
3. Once the arrow has left the bow, it can no longer be directed.

D. The T \_\_\_\_\_ hit

1. No shame – for parent or child
2. Because these ones have been raised to fight – to be shot at the enemy
  - a. The nursery of the home is the nursery of missionary endeavor.
  - b. The arrow is able to go where the bowman can’t.