

Theology Simply Explained — CC96 “Learning Purity from Marriage”

Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 96—especially explaining how God’s greatest earthly gift shows us a great need for purity, which applies to all of His gifts.

Q96. What does the seventh commandment teach us? ***To be pure in heart, language, and conduct.***

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Sophia the children’s. Catechism question for this week is what does the seventh commandment teach us? And the answer is to be pure in heart language and conduct.

Now, the seventh commandment as you told us last week, as you have learned is Thou shalt not commit adultery. And it speaks of the importance of marriage, of all the things. That God has given us as a gift that he has bestowed upon us, and of all the things that God has called us to do.

in this world. Marriage is most honorable. It is something that was necessary at the first for the proper glorifying and enjoying of God. The proper Imaging of God. Even before the fall, God said it was not good. When the man was alone, And so, in order for man to be very good in order for man, to be able to properly to glorify and enjoy God, he needed marriage.

And marriage is designed as a picture of Christ and the church. So looking forward after the fall. To win the Lord. Jesus would redeem. A people for himself. Would give himself up for his bride. And purchase her by his blood and then sanctify, her and prepare her for the great wedding day by making her.

Holy and without blemish, washing her with his word, as with water until there is no spot or wrinkle or any such thing. marriage between one man and one woman. Is a picture of that. And so there are many, many things. That we receive as gifts from God and many, many things.

That we do for the glory of God and unto the service of God. But none of these things is greater. Then marriage which we receive is God’s gift and marriage in which we in which we serve the Lord in the enjoyment of and work in this, good thing that he has given us, And so marriage in particular, Shows us how important it is that we be pure.

In everything that we do. If we are impure. In the way we think, or feel, or speak or act If we give thoughts or feelings, or words or actions, To anyone else. That belong only to our husband, if we’re a girl. Are only to our wife if we’re a boy.

That is adulteress. If we do it before, we are married, it’s called fornication. If we do it after we are married, it is called adultery. But there are thoughts about and feelings toward and words to and about and actions with someone that are only only ever For your husband.

Or if you are a boy, that would be only only only ever. For your wife. And so, the seventh commandment requires? Not just the action. But the heart, the mind, the speech. And the actions. This is one reason. Why we don’t do? Boyfriends and girlfriends. Which is just another way of saying.

Thoughts and feelings for someone who isn’t your husband or your wife? That belong only to a husband. Or to a wife. This is why we wait not just until courtship. But after the match, Proven wise by courtship. When it comes to the time of betrothal Finally, you start to think and feel and speak.

But still must wait until the wedding. To act. As husband and wife. But even those who are betrothed, are called sometimes, According to those words and it even takes a divorce. To put a part of betrothal. To cancel a betrothal without a wedding. So we are to be pure in thought and feeling feeling, of course, Part of what is called pure in heart here.

And we’re to be pure and how we speak. And we’re to be pure, how we act. But this Purity with respect to marriage. Is also. also sets an example for or a pattern for how we are to be in all of our life. Everything that we receive is a good gift from God should be done according to God’s design for it.

So even things like eating and drinking, or maybe playing or sleeping or working. Or any other, such thing has been given each of them its place and how we enjoy God. And his good gifts to us. And how we glorify God, and what he has given us to do.

And, and how we use, his gifts, how we employ. His gifts in work and service unto his glory. And all of these must be thought about rightly purely felt about correctly, not out of disproportion. And used with moderation. So that we use them in a way that That aims at and enjoys God’s good design for them.

So that we don’t use. The good gifts that he has given us in service to our flesh. In a way that we would. We would overuse and abuse. Any of these things or That that we would, Unjustly and incorrectly. deny. ourselves, these things except for in the ways that the Lord has taught us to do in his word, And so there’s a lot that the seventh commandment teaches us just by saying, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

It takes God’s greatest Earthly gift. And it makes it a pattern to us. Of the importance of Purity. So what does the seventh commandment teach us? To be pure in heart language and conduct.