Lesson 13 - "The Sixth & Seventh Commandments"

Discussion questions for parents:

- 1. How comfortable are you talking with your child about issues of sex? Dating? Marriage? Etc.
- 2. How often do you include your children in the financial affairs of your household?

Key Points to communicate:

- 1. Sixth Commandment: Love for God's gift of marriage, sex & family
 - a. What God Wants Us to Know
 - Marriage and sex are gifts from God
 - b. A Christian will NOT want to:
 - i. Act, speak or think in an immoral/improper way
 - ii. Discuss adultery (what is it? What are the ramifications?)
 - iii. Discuss homosexuality? (How does one address this in our current culture?)
 - c. A Christian WILL Want to:
 - i. Speak / act in a way that honors God's gift of marriage & sex
 - ii. Be faithful before and after marriage to God's design

2. SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

- a. God is the owner of all (The earth is the Lord's and everything in it)
- b. We are Stewards (managers) of all God has given to us
- c. A Christian will NOT want to take things not his or gain them dishonestly
- d. A Christian WILL want to use what God has given in the way God directs
- e. A Christian GIVES to the Lord
 - Gladly Regularly Percentage of income

Key Passages:

- 1 Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.
- 1 Cor 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

Teaching Ideas:

- Talking about sex with your children
 - If you aren't, society is
 - Don't make it weird/awkward
 - Utilize resources
 - o Take your child on his/her first date
- Discussion questions for you and your child
 - O What do you think about our country legalizing gay marriage?
 - O What do you think about living together before marriage?
 - O What do you think about divorce how to avoid it? What to do after it?

Resources:

- 1. Concordia's Sex Education Series; James Aderman *Face the Facts;* People's Bible Teaching *Marriage and family*
- 2. People's Bible Teaching Stewardship; Thrivent Game: Triple Challenge

Lesson 14 - "Eighth, Ninth & Tenth Commandments"

Discussion questions for parents:

1. Why do you think reputation is such a big deal that God allocates one of 10 commandments to it?

Key Points to communicate:

- 1. EIGHTH COMMANDMENT "Love for Reputation/a good name"
 - a. How sin messes up speech
 - i. False testimony using one's tongue for evil purposes
 - ii. Lying, losing trust, gossip speaking unlovingly
 - b. Proper Use of the tongue
 - i. To glorify God
 - ii. Speak the truth...in love
 - iii. To build others up
- 2. NINTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS "Love for godly contentment"
 - a. What Christians WILL NOT want to do:
 - i. Covet, have a sinful desire for, anything that is not ours or forbidden for us to have.
 - ii. Sinfully try to get what belongs to others.
 - b. What Christians WILL want to do
 - i. Be content
 - ii. Seek what pleases God

Key Passages:

- VIP Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what Is helpful for building others up according to their needs."
- Matthew 18
- 1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Teaching Tip – When do I speak:

- 1. Is it true?
- 2. Is it kind?
- 3. Is it necessary?
- 4. What would Jesus say?

Lesson 15 - "Conclusion to the 10 Commandments"

Discussion questions for parents:

1. What ideas do you have to bring awareness of the Commandments to your family?

Key Points to communicate:

- 1. What does God's will require
 - a. Love him above all else
 - b. Love our neighbor as self
 - c. Following the commandments involves thoughts, words & actions
- 2. How does a Christian view the 10 Commandments?
 - a. Confess our sins
 - b. Seek forgiveness
 - c. Draw on God's strength to keep
- 3. Spiritual Breathing
 - a. Exhale
 - i. Confess sins
 - ii. Turn away from sin as a forgiven child of God
 - b. Inhale
 - i. God's strength to overcome sin
 - ii. A thankful heart to serve God

Key Passages:

- VIP Romans 3:23-24 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."
- Ephesians 2:8-10 "By grace you have been saved through faith and this not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Resources:

a. People's Bible Teaching Sanctification

Lesson 16 - "Growth in Sanctification"

Discussion questions for parents:

1. What is your Spiritual Growth Plan?

Key Points to communicate:

- 1. Some Basic Truths
 - a. When I reflect on what God has done...
 - b. I desire to live my life in grateful thanks
 - c. Growing each day in my life of Sanctification
- 2. Keys to Spiritual Growth
 - a. Be aware of the obstacles to growth
 - i. Satan and his enemies
 - ii. Lack of discipline/interest
 - iii. Spiritual "pride" (I know it all)
 - b. Make Use of the Spirit's tools
 - i. Means of Grace
 - ii. Christian habits (prayer, fellowship, study, service)
- 3. The VALUE of Spiritual Growth
 - a. God is glorified
 - b. I grow in discernment
 - c. Others are helped & saved
 - d. Unbelievers are reached
 - e. Life is blessed in many ways.

Key Passages:

- VIP 2 Peter 3:18 "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Resources:

People's Bible Teaching Sanctification