

# *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Question 67: Which is the sixth commandment?

**Answer:** The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."

Question 68: What is required in the sixth commandment?

**Answer:** The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Question 69: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

**Answer:** The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever leads to such things.

# *The Sanctity of Human Life*

## WHAT GOD DOES NOT CONSIDER MURDER

1. It is not murder to kill in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is not murder.
3. Killing someone in \_\_\_\_\_ is not murder.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ killing is not murder.

## THE FOUNDATION OF THIS LAW

God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is upon man.

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man. NAU Genesis 9:6

## WHAT THIS COMMANDMENT MEANS

1. Murder is the \_\_\_\_\_ taking of life.

<sup>20</sup> If anyone with *malice aforethought* shoves another or throws something at him *intentionally* so that he dies <sup>21</sup> or if *in hostility* he hits him with his fist so that he dies, that person shall be put to death; he is a murderer... NIV Numbers 35:20-21

2. Murder extends to \_\_\_\_\_, or even \_\_\_\_\_.

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. <sup>NIV 1</sup> John 3:15

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' <sup>22</sup> "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell. <sup>NAS</sup> Matthew 5:21-22

## TWO APPLICATIONS POINTS

1. Commit yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

<sup>8</sup> Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. <sup>NAS</sup> Romans 13:8

2. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ those who offend you.

<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. <sup>NAS</sup> Ephesians 4:31-32