

Reviewer: FCL 600 – Midterm Quiz 1

The Love for Human Life – The 5th Commandment:

“You shall not kill.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable...”
(*Matthew 5:21–22*)

Instead of just getting through the day, ask yourself:

“What do I get from the day?”

“The value of life is not in the length of days, but in the way we make use of them; a man may live long yet very little.”

“Too many people today know the price of everything and the value of nothing.” — *Ann Landers*

This statement means that many people focus only on **monetary cost (money)** and fail to appreciate deeper values that cannot be measured in money, such as **human character and virtues**.

Examples of **human character and virtues**:

1. **Integrity** – Doing the right thing even when no one is watching. It cannot be bought, sold, or faked.
2. **Honesty and Trust** – The foundation of relationships. It takes years to build but can be destroyed in seconds.
3. **Courage** – The ability to face fear or stand up for principles despite possible negative consequences.
4. **Humility** – The absence of arrogance, allowing a person to appreciate others regardless of their social or financial status.

The Value of Life

In this world, **God gave human life to His noblest creature**. It is the greatest gift because through life, humanity has achieved all the progress we see today.

However, life is not in perfect peace. Because of **original sin**, humans experience **envy and hatred**. Sometimes people fall into violence and killing, similar to what **Cain did to Abel**.

The story of **Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3–5)** shows different responses to life's challenges.

A good response includes:

1. **Develop your personal truth** – Take responsibility for your life by honestly confronting weaknesses, accepting meaningful challenges, and aligning your actions with deeply examined values so your life becomes purposeful.
2. **Act consistently with your personal truth** – Behave in ways that align with your examined beliefs and values so that your words and actions match, avoiding self-deception and resentment.

Desecrating Life

Killing is one of the worst offenses because it **desecrates the valued gift of life from the Creator**. It ends what a human being could possibly do and achieve.

In Christian justice, even the **“least” of humanity**—such as hardened criminals, terminal patients, and unborn fetuses—are still human beings who deserve **mercy and hope**.

Christians should **love life** because it leads to happiness and fulfillment. Anything that threatens life limits the possibility of enjoying the world and achieving what **God has planned** for humanity.

Therefore, **maintaining and protecting a decent and healthy life is the duty of every Christian**.