

Life Is Precious

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 21**.

❖ God made all of us and loves all of us. Every one of God's creatures is precious to him. God wants us to take care of all people.

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❖ God gave us the ability to think, choose, and love, and a life that will last forever. We are to use our gifts to care for his creation.

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❖ The Fifth Commandment tells us not to kill. It also tells us that life is precious and must be cared for.

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❖ Jesus is the Good Shepherd. As a good shepherd cares for every one of his sheep, Jesus cares for all people. He shows us how to cherish all life.

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❖ God wants us to respect and cherish everyone, even when he or she is different from us. All life is precious to God. Those who have disabilities, those who are older, and those who are from different cultures are all beloved. We are to treat them all with love and respect.

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❖ When we take care of our own life, we cherish the gift God gave us. In this way, we honor the Fifth Commandment to cherish life.

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❖ Suicide is the act of intentionally taking one's own life. This act is a sin because all life belongs to God.

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❖ The Fifth Commandment tells us to respect life, including our own life. We should not take dares that could bring us harm.

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❖ Though no one is really hurt, violence on TV and in movies lowers the value of life. Jesus taught us to solve our problems peacefully. He taught us that we should not hurt others. Violence on TV and in movies goes against the Fifth Commandment, which tells us that all life is precious.

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