

We Respect What God Has Given Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 17.

❖ We show love for others when we respect what they own. The Seventh Commandment tells us that we should not steal.

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❖ We should not envy others for things or talents they have that we do not. The Tenth Commandment says not to covet other people's things.

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❖ Everyone has the right to own things. God wants us to respect other people's rights. This means that we should respect what belongs to others.

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❖ We should be careful not to damage, ruin, or lose what belongs to others. If we do, we must repair it or pay for it.

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❖ God gave us free will, which allows us to choose to do right or wrong.

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❖ The decision to do right or wrong is called a moral choice. The Holy Spirit will help us make good decisions.

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❖ Dorothy Day helped create a newspaper called the *Catholic Worker*. This newspaper told what life was like for people who were poor. Dorothy Day believed that it wasn't enough just to give money to people in need. You should take them in and treat them as you would treat Jesus.

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❖ Respecting people's rights is just. Acts against the Seventh and Tenth Commandments are unjust. Unjust acts break down peace in the world and in our hearts. They cause people not to trust each other and make people live in fear.

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