

Ten Commandments (Part 46)  
(The Sixth Commandment – Part 5)

V. Jesus' Application of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment

-Matt. 5:21, 22

-1 John 3:15

-The Catechisms:

Negatively:

●Heidelberg Catechism (LORD'S DAY 40) Q#105: *“What does God require in the sixth commandment?”* Ans: *“That neither in thoughts, nor words, nor gestures, much less in deeds, I dishonor, hate, wound, or kill my neighbor; that I lay aside all desire of revenge.”*

●HC Q#106: *“Does this commandment refer only to murder?”* Ans: *“By forbidding murder, God teaches us that He hates the causes of it, such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge; and that He regards all these as murder.”*

●The WLC Q#136: *“What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?”* Ans: *“The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defense; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarrelling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.”*

Positively:

●HC Q#107: *“But is it enough that we do not kill any man in the manner mentioned above?”* Ans: *“No: for when God forbids envy, hatred, and anger, He commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves; to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy, and all kindness, towards him, and prevent his hurt as much as in us lies; and that we do good, even to our enemies.”*

●WLC Q#135: *“What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?”* Ans: *“The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavours, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defence thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labor, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behavior; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and succouring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.”*

Practical Lessons

1) The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment condemns all sinful, angry, hateful passions, and the words and actions that proceed from them.

2) The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment condemns the neglect of our mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health.