

Luther's Large Catechism
1st and 2nd Commandments
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1. (13) What is Luther's definition of "having a god?"
2. (14) How do people often imagine they have a god, if they have money?
3. (14) What else might also be a god, according to Luther?
4. (15) How complete, then is the requirement to trust in God? How does the world keep this commandment?
5. (15) Where does idolatry take place, primarily? Why?
6. (16-17) What is the relationship between God and our parents and others who provide?
7. (17) How are we to test ourselves, according to the First Commandment?
8. (18) What do "knuckleheads" often imagine about God? What do they find out?
9. (19) What has happened to those who spent all their energy accumulating wealth? Why?
10. (20) Where does the 2nd Commandment take place? What does it command?
11. (21) What does Luther call the "greatest misuse" of the 2nd Commandment?
12. (22) What does Luther describe as a "great deluge flooding every land?" Why is it so common?
13. (24) What did Luther "personally try out" and recommend about God's Word?
14. (24-25) How did Luther suggest that this commandment be taught to the youth? Why?
15. Which part of the explanation of the 1st and 2nd Commandments surprised you the most? Why?