

The Culture of Life:

Ten Essential Principles for Christian Bioethics

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Introduction

- *Didache* (ca. A.D. 100)
- John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life* (1995)

1. The culture of life cherishes God’s _____.

- Genesis 1:26–27
- Acts 17:28; Acts 3:15; Job 33:4
- Isaiah 29:16
- Psalm 139:13–16
- Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 5:17
- Genesis 1:31; Revelation 21:4
- Small Catechism, First Article
- Matthew 6:11,30
- Small Catechism, Fourth Petition

2. The culture of life celebrates marital _____.

- Genesis 1:28
- Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXIII (XI), 8
- Psalm 127:3
- Genesis 24:60
- Genesis 49:25

3. The culture of life flows from _____.

- Genesis 2:18
- Matthew 19:4–6
- Genesis 1:27
- Smalcald Articles III, XI, 2
- Malachi 2:15
- Large Catechism I, 207, 219
- Proverbs 5:18b–20
- Genesis 2:25

4. The culture of life honors _____.

- Large Catechism I, 141
- 1 Peter 3:7
- 1 Timothy 5:8
- Ephesians 6:4
- Large Catechism I, 106
- Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:18

5. The culture of life respects the _____.

- Large Catechism I, 111
- Proverbs 16:31, 20:29
- Genesis 49
- 1 Kings 12:6–15
- Isaiah 38:5
- Psalm 31:5
- Small Catechism, Seventh Petition
- Small Catechism, Fifth Commandment

6. The culture of life provides for _____ and _____.

- James 1:27, 2:20
- Psalm 68:5
- Isaiah 1:17
- Psalm 68:6

7. The culture of life catechizes the rising _____.

- Deuteronomy 6:4–7
- Ephesians 6:4
- Large Catechism I, 173–74
- Psalm 78:4,6–7

8. The culture of life fosters a free and just _____.

- 1 Peter 2:14
- Romans 13:3–4
- Large Catechism I, 181
- Deuteronomy 19:21
- Augsburg Confession XVI, 2
- Apology of the Augsburg Confession XXIII (XI), 55
- Daniel 3 and 6; Acts 5:29
- 2 Kings 23:10; 2 Chronicles 33:6
- Acts 25:11

9. The culture of life appears _____ to _____.

- *Didache* (ca. A.D. 100)
- Bernard Nathanson, M.D.
- Genesis 3:4
- Norma McCorvey (“Jane Roe”)
- Isaiah 5:20

10. The culture of life heralds the _____ of _____.

- Titus 3:4–7
- Small Catechism, Absolution
- Ephesians 4:32
- Small Catechism, Lord’s Supper
- 1 John 2:1–2
- Small Catechism, Baptism
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11
- Isaiah 55:11

Conclusion

- Small Catechism, Second Petition
- Revelation 19:7
- Norma McCorvey: “_____.”

Recommended Resources

- Richard C. Eyer, *Holy People, Holy Lives: Law and Gospel in Bioethics* (2000)
- Norma McCorvey, *Won by Love* (1998)
- Bernard Nathanson, *The Hand of God* (1996)
- John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life* (1995)
- Ryan C. MacPherson, “God’s Life-giving Gospel Is Active at Conception,” *Clearly Caring*, July/Aug. 2007, www.ryanmacpherson.com/publications/23/33.
- Ryan C. MacPherson, “How a Christian Child’s Love Won Jane Roe’s Heart,” *The Hausvater Project*, Jan. 2009, www.hausvater.org/book-reviews/152.
- Ryan C. MacPherson, “The Natural Law of the Family,” chap. 11 in *Natural Law: A Lutheran Reappraisal*, ed. Robert C. Baker (2011)

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