

*Act Like a Christian!*

# Westminster Shorter Catechism

## Question #1

Q: What is man's primary purpose?

A: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

## **Amos 5:21-24**

“<sup>21</sup> I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. <sup>23</sup> Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

## **Haggai 1:1-7**

“<sup>1</sup> In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, <sup>2</sup> ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “This people says, ‘The time has not come, even the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.’”’ <sup>3</sup> Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

<sup>4</sup> ‘Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?’

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Consider your ways! <sup>6</sup> You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.’ <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Consider your ways!’”

## **I Corinthians 3:16**

“<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

## **I Corinthians 6:19**

“<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

## **I Peter 2:4-5**

“<sup>4</sup> And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

“<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household.”

# Financial Giving



# **Tithing before the Law**

# **Tithing under the Law**

## **Alms (Old Testament)**

**Literally: acts of kindness**

# **Offerings**

**Sacrifices offered to God.**

# **Giving in the New Testament.**

## **Matthew 23:23**

“<sup>23</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”

Tithing is not the goal.  
It is a bare minimum starting place.  
But is it even a starting place?

## **James 3:2-5**

“<sup>2</sup> For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. <sup>3</sup> Now if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!”



## **Matthew 12:36**

“<sup>36</sup> and I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment.”

## **Ephesians 4:29**

“<sup>29</sup> Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

## **Proverbs 12:25**

“<sup>25</sup> Anxiety in the heart of a man weights it down, but a good word makes it glad.”

## **Proverbs 4:23**

“<sup>23</sup> Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life.”

## **Psalm 139:23-24**

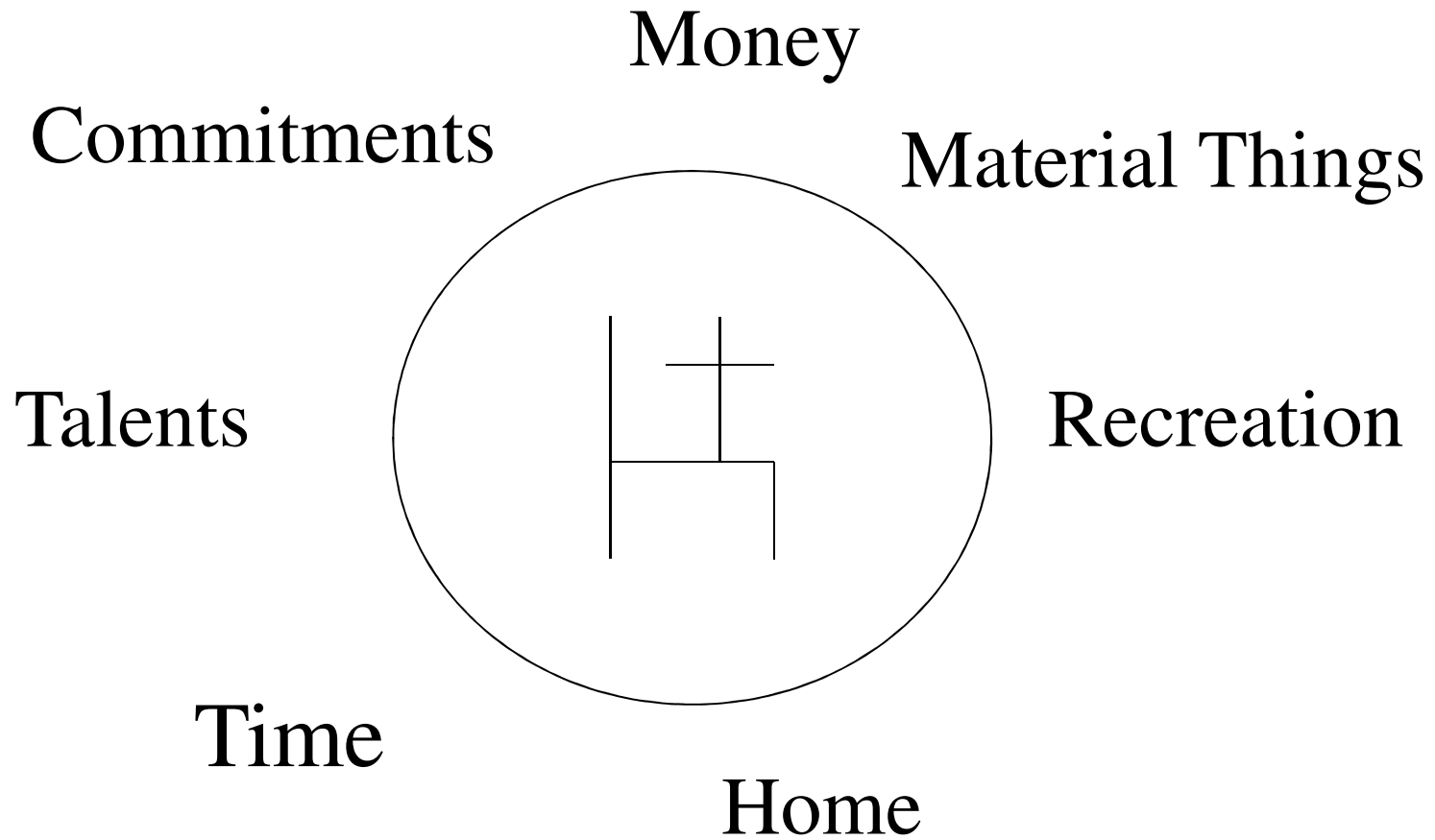
“<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thought; <sup>24</sup> and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”

## **I Peter 1:13**

“<sup>13</sup> Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

## **Philippians 2:5-8**

“<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”



## **Mark 10:45**

“<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”



## **Matthew 20:20-28**

“<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. <sup>21</sup> And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.’ <sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to Him, ‘We are able.’ <sup>23</sup> He said to them, ‘My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.’”

“<sup>24</sup> And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’”