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Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching

Directed Reading Worksheet

Chapter 7: The Dignity of Work

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Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: The Nature of Work (Pages 211–215)

1. When can work become subject to great abuses?

2. Identify both of these work-related realities:
 - (a) The objective dimension of work:

 - (b) The subjective dimension of work:

3. True or False? Work exists for human beings; human beings do not exist for work.

4. True or False? Because the person is the central focus of work, capital has priority over the human laborer.

5. What is immoral about unbridled capitalism, socialism, and communism?

6. Every human being reflects the very action of the _____ of the universe. _____ was a part of humans' lives even before the _____. God's instructions to Adam and Eve were to " _____" and " _____" God's creation. Humans now _____ and suffer in work because they live their lives in a _____ world, but work itself is not a _____ from the Fall.

7. Because you live in a _____ and are called to live in _____ with others, you have a _____ to work. There are great _____ that come from work. You are not exempt from _____ your due in order to live at the expense of others. You should always put forth your best _____ and not abuse the _____ of others.

8. True or False? The poor are not excused from doing everything possible to find gainful employment.

9. Briefly explain the threefold moral and positive benefits of work stressed by the US Bishops?

10. The _____ connected with work is part of a person's _____, and in its own way, the pain and _____ of earthly work prepare you for the final _____ you will face approaching _____. Work is a way to unite your suffering and _____ to the Cross and through work you can share God's _____ for the world.
11. True or False? Your earthly work can help you participate in the work of your own Redemption.

Section 1: Rights and Abuses Associated with Work (Pages 217–226)

12. What are two reasons why a job is critically important?
13. True or False. Every economic system that desires justice must aim for full employment for its citizens, and most societies succeed in such a goal.
14. Who are the “underemployed”?
15. The Church challenges the _____ to create conditions and _____ that encourage employment opportunities. It is government's _____ to encourage individual _____ and business opportunities by creating conditions which ensure _____ opportunities.
16. True or False? Business owners have a right to make a profit for the risks they take in investing their money, but their right to profits is tempered by the obligation to do so responsibly.
17. According to the sidebar on page 217, what three groups in general are guaranteed certain rights in the workplace? What can each group contribute?
18. True or False? A just wage should guarantee every man the opportunity to provide a dignified livelihood for himself and his family on the material, social, cultural, and spiritual level.
19. A _____ should take into account the role and _____ of each, the state of the business, and the _____. Minimally, this should include a wage high enough to meet _____, clothing, and shelter needs, and provide for _____, education, and some form of _____.
20. The divinely appointed “_____ rest” underscores the rights of workers to _____ which should include vacation taken once a _____. Rest from work should elevate the _____ by giving people the time on the Lord's Day to _____ a loving God in humility and _____.
21. True or False? Catholics have an option of participating in Mass on Sunday.

22. What does the Church teach about the right to a safe workplace?
23. True or False? Workers may sometimes need to be forced to perform any task that violates conscience.
24. True or False? Aid should be provided to those who are unwillingly unemployed and their families.
25. Catholic social teaching holds that _____ is a basic human right and _____ have the obligation to help provide _____ for the medical care of employees. This right flows from the _____ and is essential to _____. Many _____ are still needed to cost structure for _____ and medicine.
26. True or False? The role of mother should never be hindered in the workplace which includes adequate compensation and job security.
27. True or False? The Church upholds that unions are always necessary.
28. Why do unions exist?
29. There are occasions when strikes may be abused for _____ reasons, including _____ purposes. Strikes are morally legitimate when they cannot be _____, or when they are necessary to obtain a proportionate _____. It is unacceptable when accompanied by _____ or when objectives are included not directly linked to _____ or are contrary to the _____.
30. True or False? While recent decades have seen an increase in child labor in the Asian–Pacific region, Latin America, and the Caribbean, the trend in Sub–Saharan Africa is decreasing.
31. What are some of the worst forms of child labor as identified by the ILO?
32. What does the abuses of adult labor look like in El Salvador?
33. True or False? The dairy industry in the US has been criticized by a human rights agency for providing hazardous working conditions at the plants and the use of illegal tactics to suppress employment reports of the abuses.
34. What are “white collar crimes?”

35. True or False? Stealing from employers and not putting forth the best effort are ways that workers can also abuse their labor opportunities.

Section 2: Justice and the Economic Society (Pages 226–229)

36. While the Church does not endorse one _____ over another, she does uphold the right of everyone to _____. She exalts individual freedom and _____ property while still seeing the necessity for _____ services. Your _____ should be part of every aspect of your life and all forms of _____ must be applied to the _____ sphere.
37. True or False? If business practices are unregulated, there is a potential for workers to be exploited and their rights denied.
38. True or False? When a government tries to control everything, including the economy, abuses against the human person often occur.
39. It is important to delineate between _____ material possessions and being _____ by them. Everyone has to constantly be on _____ against the dangers of _____. Though money is not inherently bad, _____ to money and material goods of the earth is bad. Likewise, _____, in which material goods can be easily acquired and then _____ without concern, is bad.
40. What realization often comes from the relentless pursuit of material possessions?

Section 3: Work and You (Pages 231–234)

41. True or False? Work can help in your personal development, which is more than simply earning a paycheck.
42. When can work become an idol? Explain.
43. Work is the purpose of work and life?
44. To help keep work in its _____, God gave his people the gift of the _____. The Lord's Day is a time to truly live in the reality of _____ by resting from _____ work and ultimately engaging in _____ and prayer and spending time with _____ and friends.
45. What did St. John Paul II warn about the attitude of today's society and the Lord's Day?

46. Work provides a chance for you to develop your _____, to grow as a human person, to contribute to the _____, to share in God's _____ activity, and help to develop the beautiful _____ he gave for the benefit of all. It is important to consider how a job may interact with your life's primary _____: loving and serving both _____ and _____.
47. What vocation is sometimes ignored by contemporary society?
48. True or False? St. John Paul II said that there must be a social re-evaluation of the father's role.