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## The Witness of the Church

### CHAPTER 20: The Way of Holiness

**covenant** a sacred agreement between God and people

### CHAPTER 21: The Way of Faith

**astrology** the belief that the sun, moon, planets, and stars control our lives

**atheism** the rejection or denial of belief in God

**blasphemy** any act or statement that insults the goodness of God or shows hatred for God

**cult** a system of misguided religious beliefs that usually centers around a strong religious leader

**cursing** calling on God to bring evil or harm to someone or something

**despair** lack of trust in God’s goodness and mercy

**idol** anyone or anything a person thinks is more important than God

**oath** calling on God to witness to the truth of what one says

**occult** anything that has to do with seeking something beyond human nature from something superhuman that is not divine

**perjury** lying under oath

**presumption** thinking that one can save oneself or assuming that one can do anything and God will offer salvation even without repentance

**profanity** careless, casual, and inappropriate use of God’s name

**satanism** the worship of the devil

**spiritualism** the belief that the souls of the dead or spirits of the other world can be contacted by means of séances or Ouija boards

**swear** to take an oath; informally the same as cursing

**vulgar language** offensive and “dirty” words; words that show irreverence and disrespect for the human body

**witchcraft** the practice of magic by people who may attempt to control others’ freedom by spells or chants



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## The Witness of the Church (continued)

### CHAPTER 22: The Way of Worship

**ritual** an established, ordered procedure for celebrating a religious ceremony

### CHAPTER 23: The Way of the Family

**scandal** leading other people to sin by bad example

### CHAPTER 24: The Way of Human Dignity

**adultery** a sexual relationship between a married person and someone other than the husband or wife; unfaithfulness on the part of a husband or wife

**fornication** engaging in the sexual act before marriage

**homosexual activity** sexual activity with those of the same sex

**masturbation** self-stimulation to arouse sexual pleasure to the point of orgasm

### CHAPTER 25: The Way of Justice and Truth

**avarice** an excessive desire for wealth or gain; greed

**hypocrisy** the act of pretending to be good or to have virtues that one does not possess

**integrity** wholeness of character; uprightness; honesty

**mental reservation** speech that intends a meaning different from the spoken words when there is a good reason for concealing the truth

**restitution** the act of repairing, returning, or paying for a damaged or stolen article

