Grade 9 Christian Religious Education

CBC NOTES | Terms 1, 2 and 3 - notes for 16 topics

IN EVERY TOPIC

- What you will learn, the key words and key terms explained.
- Clear notes under headings and subheadings, with labelled pictures and step-by-step procedures.
- Comparison tables, and advantages and disadvantages where methods are compared.
- Key points to remember, then multiple-choice and structured questions.
- All the answers and a glossary at the back.

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Strand 1.0 Creation | Term 1

1.1 Work: God Worked

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By the end of this topic you should be able to:

- interpret the scriptures on work to foster responsibility
- discuss virtues related to Christian work ethics
- choose career paths based on his/her gifts, talents and abilities
- demonstrate a positive attitude towards work in daily activities
- desire to work hard to achieve

KEY WORDS

work, work ethic, diligence, laziness, talent, vocation, stewardship.

Christians believe that work is a gift from God, not a punishment. God himself worked in creation, and he gave people the task of caring for the world. In this topic we interpret Bible teachings on work, discuss the virtues of Christian work ethics, choose career paths based on our gifts and develop a positive attitude to hard work.

1. Work in creation

- God worked for six days creating the world and rested on the seventh (Genesis 2:2-3).
- God placed Adam in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it (Genesis 2:15). Work was part of God's plan before the Fall.

LESSONS

Work is good and God-given; people share in God's work as stewards; rest is also important.

2. Scriptures on work and responsibility

The Bible on work

Proverbs 6:6-11	2 Thessalonians 3:10
Learn from the ant; laziness leads to poverty	Anyone unwilling to work should not eat
Colossians 3:23	**Ephesians 4:28**
Work with all your heart, as for the Lord	Work honestly so you can share with the needy

What the Bible teaches about work

Responsibility means doing your share, finishing your tasks and caring for others through your work.

3. Christian work ethics

Work ethics

+ Virtues

- Honesty and diligence (hard work)
- Punctuality and faithfulness
- Obedience to rightful authority and respect
- Cooperation, humility and service
- Caring for property

- Vices

- Laziness and lateness
- Theft and corruption
- Cheating customers
- Absenteeism
- Poor-quality work

Joseph, a faithful worker (Genesis 39)
Joseph worked faithfully in Potiphar's house and later in prison.
He was given more responsibility because he was trustworthy.
God blessed his work.

4. Gifts, talents and career paths

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the servants who used their talents were praised, while the one who buried his was rebuked. God gives different gifts, and using them in work serves God and others (1 Peter 4:10).

Matching gifts to careers

1. List your gifts, talents and abilities.
2. Name careers that use them.
3. Match the careers to a Senior School pathway.
4. Ask a teacher or parent what they have noticed about your gifts.

5. A positive attitude and hard work

A positive attitude means seeing work as worthwhile and doing it willingly, cheerfully and well, without complaining (Philippians 2:14). It shows in chores at home, classwork, cleaning duty and helping in church. Respect all honest work, including manual work.

A SMART goal

Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Realistic	Time-bound
Clear: "Improve my Maths"	From 55% to 65%	Possible with effort	Fits my time	By the end of term

Setting a SMART goal for hard work

All hard work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty (Proverbs 14:23). Hard work brings achievement, self-reliance, the ability to help others and glory to God, balanced with rest and worship.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- God worked in creation and gave people the duty to care for the earth (Genesis 2:15).
- The Bible condemns laziness (Proverbs 6:6-11) and calls us to work wholeheartedly (Colossians 3:23).
- Christian work ethics: honesty, diligence, punctuality, faithfulness, respect and service.
- The parable of the talents teaches us to use our gifts.
- A positive attitude means working willingly and well, balanced with rest.

CHECK YOURSELF: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D. The answers are at the back.

1. Which creature does Proverbs 6 use to teach diligence?
A. The lion
B. The ant
C. The eagle
D. The sheep

2. According to Genesis 2:15, God placed Adam in the garden to
A. work it and take care of it
B. rest all day
C. name the stars
D. build a city

3. Which is a vice in Christian work ethics?
A. Punctuality
B. Diligence
C. Faithfulness
D. Absenteeism

4. The parable of the talents teaches Christians to
A. hide their gifts
B. avoid work
C. use their gifts well
D. compare themselves with others

5. "Anyone unwilling to work should not eat" is found in
A. Matthew 5:27
B. Genesis 2:2
C. Psalm 51
D. 2 Thessalonians 3:10

ANSWER THESE

1. State three lessons Christians learn about work from the creation story. (3 marks)

2. Give four virtues of Christian work ethics. (4 marks)

3. Explain what the parable of the talents teaches about using gifts. (4 marks)

4. Suggest four ways a Grade 9 learner can show a positive attitude towards work. (4 marks)

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Strand 2.0 The Bible: Selected Teachings | Term 1

2.1 Christian Moral Values: Sexual Purity

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By the end of this topic you should be able to:

- elaborate Christian moral values that a young person should uphold in day-to-day life
- describe forbidden sexual practices outlined in the Bible
- utilise Christian moral values and life skills that foster sexual purity
- desire to live a morally upright life as guided by the Bible

KEY WORDS

moral values, sexual purity, chastity, abstinence, self-control, assertiveness, peer pressure.

Young people face many choices about friends, relationships and their bodies. The Bible gives clear guidance on moral values and sexual purity. In this topic we discuss Christian moral values for young people, the sexual practices the Bible forbids, and the life skills that help young people live morally upright lives.

1. Christian moral values

Moral values include love, respect, honesty, self-control, obedience, responsibility, integrity, modesty, kindness and faithfulness. They guide decisions, protect from harm and build trust.

> **1 TIMOTHY 4:12**
> Young people should set an example to others in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.

2. The Bible on sexual purity

> **Sexual purity**
> Keeping sex for marriage. For a young person it means abstinence and keeping thoughts, words and actions pure.

- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20: flee sexual immorality; the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5: learn to control your body in holiness and honour.
- Genesis 39:7-12: Joseph refused Potiphar's wife and ran away, an example of fleeing temptation.

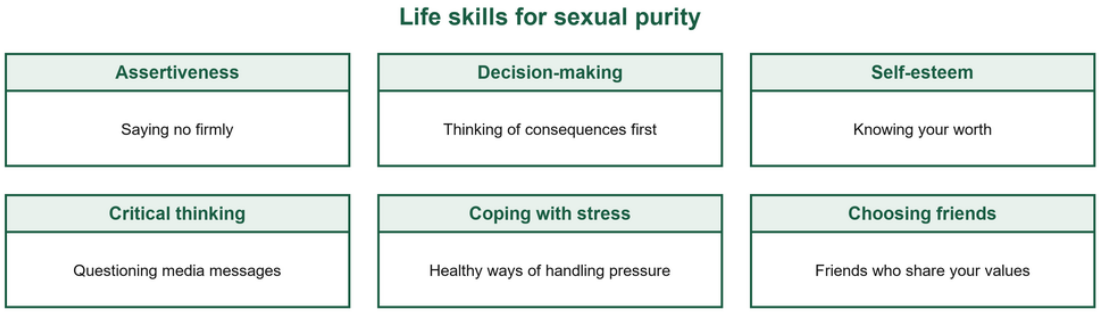
3. Forbidden sexual practices

Practices the Bible forbids

Practice	Meaning or reference
Fornication	Sex before marriage
Adultery	Sex with someone other than one's spouse (Exodus 20:14)
Incest	Sexual relations with a close relative (Leviticus 18:6)
Prostitution	Sex in exchange for money or gifts
Sexual violence	Rape and defilement
Lustful thoughts	Jesus warned against lust in the heart (Matthew 5:27-28)

Kenyan law also makes rape and defilement (sex with anyone under 18) serious crimes. These practices harm people physically, emotionally and spiritually, break trust and families, and dishonour God.

4. Life skills for sexual purity



Life skills that protect young people



Refusing pressure in three steps

- Avoid risky situations: being alone with someone in a private place, parties without adults, alcohol and drugs, and explicit content online.
- Never share private photos. Sharing explicit images of anyone under 18 is a crime in Kenya.
- If a stranger online asks for photos: block, report and tell a parent, teacher or counsellor.

5. Living a morally upright life

Sources of strength include prayer and Bible reading, parents and guardians, church youth groups, mentors, counsellors and good friends. If someone makes a mistake, God forgives those who repent (1 John 1:9); they should seek help and start again.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Write a short commitment to moral living and keep it somewhere private.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Young people should be examples in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity (1 Timothy 4:12).
- Sexual purity means keeping sex for marriage; for young people it means abstinence.
- The Bible forbids fornication, adultery, incest, prostitution, sexual violence and lust.
- Assertiveness, decision-making and self-esteem help young people stay pure.
- God forgives those who repent (1 John 1:9).

CHECK YOURSELF: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D. The answers are at the back.

1. Which Bible character ran away from temptation by his master's wife?

A. David
B. Samson
C. Joseph
D. Solomon

2. 1 Corinthians 6:19 describes the body as

A. a temple of the Holy Spirit
B. a field
C. a city
D. a house of trade

3. Sex before marriage is called

A. adultery
B. incest
C. defilement
D. fornication

4. Saying "no" firmly and walking away from pressure is the life skill of

A. creativity
B. empathy
C. assertiveness
D. negotiation

5. According to 1 John 1:9, God forgives those who

A. hide their mistakes
B. confess and repent
C. blame others
D. keep silent

ANSWER THESE

1. State five Christian moral values a young person should uphold. (5 marks)

2. Name four sexual practices forbidden in the Bible. (4 marks)

3. Explain three life skills that help a young person maintain sexual purity. (6 marks)

4. Give four sources of help for a young person facing pressure. (4 marks)

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