

***Moral Theology*** presented by Fr. Kenneth R. Himes, O.F.M., Ph.D.

Audio Program with Written Guide on CD. Each lecture is 25 minutes.

Join one of America's leading moral theologians in exploring life's most vital question: What does it mean to live a moral life?

Through these 24 lectures, you will investigate the source of moral obligation, moral character, moral freedom and its limits, the relationship of spirituality and morality, sin and conversion, conscience, the use of scripture in moral reasoning, natural law, the teaching authority of the church in moral matters, the development of moral norms, and moral decision-making.

**What You Will Learn**

From this course, you will learn:

- How the Catholic theological tradition enables us to interpret moral experience
- What it means to be a moral person in light of a theological understanding of the human situation
- What resources are available to the Catholic community for the formation of conscience and wise discernment?

The course is structured in three parts. In the first part, explore the meaning of moral theology generally and Catholic moral theology specifically. Through part two, understand how moral theology views the person. You will explore freedom, character, conscience, sin and conversion in this part of the program.

Finally, consider those resources within the Catholic theological tradition that are useful for moral reflection. You will explore how to use the Bible, reason, natural law, ecclesial context, and the church's teaching office to inform moral theology.

Through these lectures you will gain an understanding of how theology can assist the reflective person in the task of understanding and articulating moral experience, relating one's religious beliefs to one's values and actions.

This course uses the best ideas of Catholic moral theology to help you explore the most important choices of your life. You will become a more reflective person and be better able to assist others in moral discernment.

**24 25-Minute Talks on 8 Audio CDs**

1. The Study of Moral Theology
2. Moral Imagination and the Importance of Stories
3. More on Stories and Moral Living
4. Duties, Journeys, and Relationships
5. The Source of Moral Obligation
6. Biblical Insights regarding Morality
7. Biblical Insights (cont'd)
8. The Influence of Faith and Prayer
9. Moral Freedom and Moral Character
10. Conscience: Directing our Freedom
11. Conscience (cont'd)
12. Conversion: Deepening our Character
13. Conversion (cont'd)
14. Sin: Misusing our Freedom
15. Sin (cont'd)
16. What is a Person?
17. What is a Person? (cont'd)
18. A Person in Community
19. Thinking with the Church
20. Thinking with the Church (cont'd)
21. The Bible and Moral Theology
22. Moral Principles: Where Do They Come From?
23. Moral Principles: What Are They?
24. Making a Moral Decision