

Chapter 6 Test:

Our Philosophy

Name: _____

Part 1: Circle the best answer.

1. What carried forth the Gospel in the first few centuries of the Church?

- a. The spread of heresies
- b. The increase in the Church's political power
- c. Christian armies that forced people to convert to the faith
- d. The hidden witness of individual Christians and their families

2. What does the word "philosophy" mean?

- a. The intellectual tradition of the ancient Greeks
- b. The love of wisdom
- c. The study of essential truths for the human life
- d. The love of thinking

3. Which philosophy did the early Church embrace?

- a. A philosophy that sought imitation of Christ and true contemplation of the wisdom of God
- b. A mindset that sought power and fame
- c. A way of thinking that life has no meaning whatsoever
- d. A system of thought that was contrary to the Gospel

4. What did Christian parents have their children study to learn the basics of the faith?

- a. The writings of the early Church Fathers
- b. The Greek philosophers
- c. Sacred Scripture
- d. The Ten Commandments

5. Where did Saint Macrina receive her first education in the Scriptures?

- a. From her father
- b. From her brothers Basil and Gregory
- c. From her own discovery
- d. From her mother

6. How many of Macrina's brothers also became saints?

- a. Four
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Five

7. How did Macrina give her mother an example of Christian humility?

- a. By ignoring prayer to work on household chores
- b. By sharing in the labor of their servants
- c. By saying her prayers every day
- d. By paying for food

Part 2: Write “T” if the statement is completely true. Write “F” if it is even partly false, and then rewrite the statement on the line below to make it true.

F 1. Saint Macrina’s life is not evidence of the Christian family’s potential to spread the Gospel.

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T 2. Early Christian practices among monks and families—such as fasting, holding prayer vigils, and singing psalms and hymns—were examples of forms of life that reflected the humility of Jesus Christ.

T 3. Saint Macrina helped her brother Basil detach from worldly glories and fame and pursue virtue instead.

Part 3: Answer the reflection question.

The study of Scripture was an essential part of early Christian families’ growth in their faith. How can you incorporate the study of Scripture into your daily routine and your family’s daily routine?

Answers may vary.