

- ii. Testimony from the ancient and medieval church –
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- iii. The reformers/confessors suggest that forced (or enforced) celibacy “has never produced any good results, but has brought on many great and evil vices and much iniquity” (AC XXIII). Consider examples, both of long ago and of recent years, that prove this assertion true.
- c. Is it fair to call the forced celibacy of persons a doctrine of devils? What does the following Scripture passage indicate: 1 Timothy 4:3?
- d. Can vows (e.g., monastic vows of life-long celibacy) annul the commandment of God?

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