

Five Anchors for a Life of Charity

A card game designed by Sarah and Grant Odhner for 2-5 players, ages 13-17

The “life of charity” involves learning the Lord’s will by reading and thinking about the Word, then using our abilities to do what it teaches. New Church teachings outline five activities needed for a balanced life: daily work, benefactions (good deeds), duties, signs of charity (or piety), and recreations (see *Doctrine of Charity* 129). This card game explores the five aspects of the life of charity.

We need each kind of activity to live a balanced spiritual life. If we only work and do not recreate or relax, we won’t have the energy to serve to others. If we spend all our time relaxing, we will become bored and unhappy, because usefulness brings true happiness. The goal of the game is to learn the five aspects of the life of charity, and to achieve balance by getting a card from each category.

Directions:

1. Print the cards onto stiff paper. Cut apart.
2. Shuffle the cards.
3. For 2 players, deal 8 cards to each player. For more than 2 players, deal 6 cards to each. For more than 5 players, print another set of cards and enlarge the deck.
4. Put the remaining cards face down to create a draw pile. Take the top card, turn it over, and place it beside the draw pile. This will be the discard pile.
5. The player to the dealer’s left starts by choosing a card from either the draw pile or the discard pile. Players may read aloud cards as they draw. To finish a turn, players must discard one card.
6. The game continues until one player completes a set of 5 cards, one from each category, and lays them down.
7. If desired, continue playing until everyone has five cards representing the five categories.

<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Student</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Artist</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Doctor</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Parent</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Scientist</p>
<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Nurse</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Chef</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Teacher</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Homemaker</p>	<p><i>Daily Work</i></p> <p>Minister</p>

<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Helping a classmate</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Walking a friend's dog as a favor</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Giving money to good causes</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Pushing a wheelchair</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Ushering at church</p>
<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Helping at school</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Opening a door for someone</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Giving someone flowers</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Helping someone carry packages</p>	<p><i>Benefactions</i></p> <p>Volunteering to help needy people (Oxfam, soup kitchen, <i>etc.</i>)</p>

<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Cleaning your room</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Washing dishes</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Paying bills</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Mowing the lawn</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Doing what you agree to do (honoring commitments)</p>
<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Hanging up your towel after taking a shower or bath</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Honoring (respecting) your parents</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Taking out the trash</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Paying taxes (sales tax, income tax, etc.)</p>	<p><i>Duties</i></p> <p>Doing your homework</p>

<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Going to church</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Reading the Word</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Praying</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Thanking the Lord at meals</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Singing in church</p>
<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Listening in church</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Taking Holy Supper</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Reading about spiritual ideas</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Reflecting on actions</p>	<p><i>Signs of Charity (Piety)</i></p> <p>Avoiding bad language and actions</p>

<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Doing crafts</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Playing video games</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Shopping</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Playing sports</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Walking in nature</p>
<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Socializing with friends</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Making music</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Playing board games</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Reading a novel</p>	<p><i>Recreations</i></p> <p>Watching movies</p>