

# WEALTH AND A LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

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| SERMON TEXT | Exodus 20:15

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT,  
FOR CHRIST LOVES YOU **BY** HIS WEALTH AND GENEROSITY.

## **I. The Eighth Commandment Requires The Lawful Acquisition of Wealth:**

*A. We must lawfully acquire wealth for ourselves:*

1. By receiving gifts and inheritances that properly belong to us.
2. By exchanging our labor for wealth as we do honest work.

*B. We must assist others in acquiring wealth lawfully:*

1. By giving gifts to those in need.
2. By establishing inheritances for our families.
3. By paying others to do honest work for us or by hiring employees.

## **II. The Eighth Commandment Requires Just Relations To Wealth Acquired:**

*A. We must not do anything to unjustly hinder or diminish our own wealth:*

1. By needlessly wasting our property through neglect, abuse, or disposal.
2. By gambling our wealth away.

*B. We must not do anything to unjustly hinder or diminish our neighbor's wealth:*

1. By theft or pilfering.
2. By fraud.
3. **By** laziness.
4. By withholding the tithe.

## **III. Christ Perfectly Fulfilled The Eighth Commandment:**

*A. By lawfully acquiring wealth for himself.*

*B. By assisting others in lawfully acquiring wealth.*

*C. By never unjustly hindering or diminishing his own wealth.*

*D. By never unjustly hindering or diminishing his neighbor's wealth.*

*E. By suffering the curse of the law for those who broke this commandment.*