

## ***The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment***

**Exodus 20:15**

**Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 42**

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### Main Point:

Because Jesus generously gave everything for your salvation, be a generous giver and no longer a selfish taker.

1. We are all selfish takers at heart.

2. God wants us to be generous givers instead.

3. Jesus generously gave everything for our salvation.

**HC 110** Q. What does God forbid in the Eighth Commandment? A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition He forbids all greed and pointless squandering of His gifts.

**HC 111** Q. What does God require of you in this commandment? A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.

**Proverbs 11:1** <sup>1</sup> Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight *is* His delight. (NKJV)

**Malachi 3:8** <sup>8</sup> "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, `In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. (NKJV)

**Psalms 24:1** <sup>1</sup> The earth *is* the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. (NKJV)

**Joel Beeke** "Every moment you don't use your eyes, your hands, your feet, your heart, your mind, your affections, to the glory of God, you are stealing from God."

**Ephesians 4:28** <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. (NKJV)

**John 17:4** <sup>4</sup> "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** "It is a well-known fact that Christ was crucified between two thieves. But as far as God's justice was concerned, there were really *three* thieves on the cross that day: two who died for their own crimes and one who took our sins upon himself."

**Hebrews 13:16** <sup>16</sup> But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (NKJV)