

Exodus 20:15

Don't Steal

Eden's work ethic ...

I. The Toil of Your Hands

- A. Your Labor
- B. Vs. Ill-gotten Gain

II. A Test of the Heart

- A. Jesus & Money
- B. Your Treasury

III. The Truth about Stuff

- A. What Is Yours
- B. Will Perish
- C. Be Generous

... the key to prosperity.

Children, Listen ...

1. How do we know that work was supposed to be a good thing?
2. What happened that turned work into a hard thing sometimes?
3. What tempts people to steal from others?
4. We should enjoy the things God has given to us, but will we take them with us when we leave this world?
5. If stealing is taking other people's stuff, what would the opposite of that be?

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 42

110. Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right.

In addition, God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of His gifts.

111. Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.