



## Reflection Questions

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The Sanctity of Private Property

Exodus 20:15,17; 32:1

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As we navigate these culturally turbulent times, it's crucial that we understand how God's Word speaks to every area of life—not just our personal devotions, but the very fabric of society itself.

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### Reflection Questions:

1. How has the modern sacred-secular divide influenced your own thinking about where God's authority applies in your daily life, and what areas have you unconsciously relegated to the 'secular' category?
2. In what ways might our culture's emphasis on compassion and equality make Christians vulnerable to supporting systems that contradict biblical principles, and how can we guard against this?
3. We can compare socialism's promises to the golden calf incident at Mount Sinai. What parallels do you see between Israel's anxiety-driven idolatry and modern society's search for security apart from God?
4. How does the Eighth Commandment's prohibition against stealing establish a biblical foundation for private property rights, and what implications does this have for economic systems?
5. Why do you think Karl Marx saw religion as an obstacle to socialism, and what does this reveal about the spiritual nature of economic and political ideologies?
6. The Tenth Commandment forbids coveting what belongs to your neighbor. How does covetousness manifest in contemporary discussions about wealth redistribution and economic equality?
7. According to Genesis 1:28, God gave humanity the mandate to exercise dominion and stewardship over creation. How does personal responsibility for stewardship conflict with centralized government control of resources?
8. How can Christians maintain both compassion for the poor and discernment about the methods proposed to address poverty, ensuring we support biblically sound solutions rather than emotionally appealing but flawed systems?