

Six Ways to Love People: Forming the Foundation for Future Happiness
The Eighth Commandment: Love People by Respecting Private Property

Exodus 20:15
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Meditation

You shall not steal.

–Exodus 20:15

Q110: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A110: God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that 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 God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Q111: What does God require of you in this commandment?

A111: 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.

–The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Five Ways to Disrespect Private Property

1. Steal by _____ what does not belong to you.
2. Steal by _____ to get what does not belong to you.
3. Steal by _____ what Jesus entrusts to you.
4. Steal by _____ when you should be working.
5. Steal by _____ what Jesus wants you to give.