

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **110. What does God forbid in the eighth Commandment?**

God forbids not only such theft<sup>1</sup> and robbery<sup>2</sup> as are punished by the government, but God views as theft also all wicked tricks and devices, whereby we seek to get our neighbor's goods, whether by force or by deceit,<sup>3</sup> such as unjust weights,<sup>4</sup> lengths, measures,<sup>5</sup> goods, coins, usury,<sup>6</sup> or by any means forbidden of God; also all covetousness<sup>7</sup> and the misuse and waste of His gifts.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 6:10; <sup>2</sup> Ex 22:1; 1 Cor 5:9-10, 6:9-10; <sup>3</sup> Mic 6:9-11; Mk 3:14; Lk 3:14; Jas 1:5-6; 1 Thes 4:6; <sup>4</sup> Prov 11:1, 16:11; <sup>5</sup> Deut 25:13-15; Ezek 45:9-10; <sup>6</sup> Ps 15:5; Lk 6:35; <sup>7</sup> Lk 12:15; 1 Cor 6:10; Eph 5:5; <sup>8</sup> Prov 5:10, 21:20, 23:20-21; Lk 16:10-13; Jn 6:12; 1 Tim 6:10