

Theology Simply Explained — WSC75

“God Forbids Thoughtlessness or Carelessness about Earthly Property or Prosperity”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 75—especially explaining and applying **God’s warnings against being thoughtless or careless of His goodness in earthly things to us or to others.**

WSC75: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment? **The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor’s wealth or outward estate.**

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Let’s begin by. Briefly going over the catechism. Question. The questions. Number 75. What is forbidden in the 8th commandment? The answers that the eighth commandment forbidden. Whatsoever. Doth or May? Unjustly hinder. Our own or our neighbors wealth. Or outward estate. So, it doesn’t take very long to say, but there are many things there.

First, there’s a recognition that God is good and that part of his goodness to us is in Providing for us and taking care of us. So that ordinarily men’s wealth and that were to state is a good thing. Although just as a man may forfeit his life by committing murder, And we thought about that when we were in the sixth commandment, There are.

Times where? I’m in forfeits as well. Or has outward estate, so it’s important. That the word unjustly be there. So we had come in forbid us whatsoever. Doth or May unjustly? Hinder our own or our neighbors. Well, for outward estate. Now, there are things that do hinder. Our own our neighbors, while throughout we’re the state That includes things like.

Stealing. That includes things like laziness. That includes things like wastefulness. Those directly hinder. Wealth and that were to stay together of ourselves or our neighbor. Another are things that may. Unjustly hinder. Our own or our neighbors. Well, through hour to state. That includes things like. Un carefulness about what we do with things.

Like starting a fire near standing grain. That is going to be unmonitored. And the law has. The case law has. Regulation about that. That is an application. Of the eighth, commandment. And things like, And an ordinate, lava pleasure, and an ordinate love. Of material things. And Mr. Christian Let us through some of the proverbs that teach those things and the catechism class.

On the Lord’s Day. And so there are many things. That fail to recognize God’s goodness and the things that he provides for us. And failed to enjoy. The goodness of God in the good thing. So, whether it’s something that doesn’t take care of, good of good things, at all.

Or it’s something that values the thing in itself too much and God has, so ordered his providence, That those who value things that way are often. End up being the means by which those things are destroyed or removed from them. So there are many things that may unjustly hinder Our own or our neighbors while throughout the state.

Which means that the Lord doesn’t just want us, Got to identify. List of things to do or not to do. He also wants us to be thoughtful. The language of May unjustly hinder means That we are to be thinking about what is right, what is owed to others? And The way God’s world works in his providence.

What things tend towards better productivity. And flourishing and what things? Attempt to hinder. Hi productivity. And flourishing. So, there’s actually a lot here in these few words, the eighth commandment forbiddeth. Whatsoever. Doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbors wealth. Or outward estate. So last week in what the 8th commandment requires.

It requires us to see God’s provision as good and to imitate God’s goodness and participate in God’s goodness and respond to God’s goodness. In his providing us with material things in his providing, our neighbor with material things. And therefore the, what is forbidden? All of those things that fail.

To take into account, the goodness of God in material provision and then giving us the privilege of participating in that provision. Not only failed to take that into account, but then positively disregard or even immediately. Oppose there are things that do not just me. But to do on, justly hinder, our own our neighbor’s, welfare or distinct.

So what is forbidden in the 8th commandment? The 8th, commandment forbiddeth whatsoever. Doth or May unjustly hinder our own or our neighbors wealth. Or outward estate.