

Ten Commandments (Part 59)  
(The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment – Part 4)

Exodus 20:15: “*You shall not steal.*”

## II. What the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment Requires

-Good stewardship (Gen. 1:28; Ps. 8:6)

### As good stewards:

1) We will work hard (Prov. 10:4; 30:8, 9; Matt. 25:26; Eph. 4:28).

2) We will take good care of what God gives us (Gen. 2:15).

3) We will respect the persons and property of others (Matt. 7:12; Rom. 13:9; 1 Tim. 5:8).

4) We will trust God (Phil. 4:6).

5) We will be content with what God gives us (Josh. 6, 7; 1 Tim. 6:8-10; Heb. 13:5).

6) We will share with others what God gives us (WLC #141; HC #111; Eph. 4:28).

-OT: Deut. 15:1-11; Ps. 72:13; 112:5; Prov. 3:27, 28; 21:13; 22:9; 28:27; 29:7; 31:20

-NT: 2 Cor. 8, 9; Gal. 2:10; 6:10; Phil, 2:4; 1 John 3:17, 18

-We should share with others because love demands it (Rom. 13:9, 10); that’s what God is like (Luke 6:35); that’s what Jesus has done with us (2 Cor. 8:9).

### Practical Lessons

1) Seek to gain a compassionate heart (Ecc. 5:18; Mark 14:3-9; 1 John 3:17, 18).

2) Seek to be wise in your giving (Matt. 6:19, 20; 2 Thess. 3:10).

3) Find out about needs.

4) Give benevolence through the local church (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:1-3, 11, 12; 9:7).