

- [1] Chastity, both inside and outside the marriage bond
- [2] Purity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior
- [3] Watchfulness over the eyes and the other senses
- [4] Modesty in dress and behavior
- [5] Marriage for those who do not have the gift of continence
- [6] Fulfillment of marital obligations
- [7] Occupation of one's mind with pure, wholesome, beautiful, edifying things

(8) The Eighth Commandment

Exodus 20:15 -- "You shall not steal"

(a) What is forbidden by the Commandment?

Stealing is taking that which belongs to another to keep for oneself. Taking someone else's possession in fun, or as a loan, is not stealing per se, although it may be wrong.

- [1] Theft and robbery
- [2] Fraud in business transactions
- [3] Injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts
- [4] Extortion and bribery and price-fixing
- [5] Withholding what rightfully belongs to our neighbor by God's command

(b) What is positively implied by the Commandment

- [1] Giving and lending to others, according to their necessities and our abilities
- [2] Rendering to every man what is rightfully his due
- [3] Truth, justice, and faithfulness in contracts and business dealings
- [4] Restitution of that which has been unlawfully taken or withheld from its rightful owner

(NOTE: Although the Eighth Commandment falls within the Second Table of the Decalogue and thus within the duties man owes to his fellow man, yet there is a sense in which man can steal from God what rightfully belongs to Him. What rightfully belongs to God? Our selves, our possessions, and our time.)

(9) The Ninth Commandment