

VIII: The Sanctity of Property

Exodus 20:15

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I. God is the owner of everything.

Psalm 24:1-2

1. He created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1-31
2. He gave man dominion over His belongings. Psalm 8:6
3. When you steal, you steal from God. Malachi 3:8-10

II. What sins are prohibited?

1. Don't gain at the expense of others. Isaiah 5:8
2. Don't treat people as property. Exodus 21:16
3. Don't trick or manipulate others. Genesis 31:20
4. Don't be dishonest in business. Deut 25:13-16
5. Don't be lazy. Proverbs 6:6-11

III. What duties are required?

1. Be a good steward. Matthew 23:23
2. Be generous. Galatians 6:10