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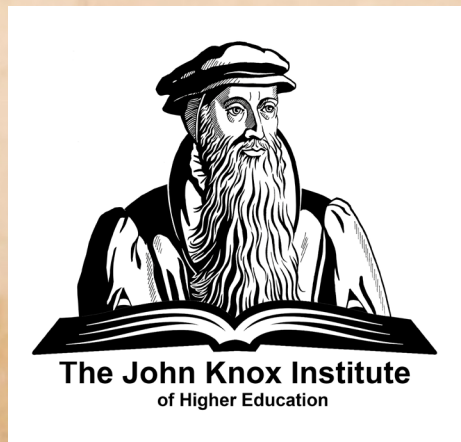
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**Adult Study Guide**

for Lecture #40

**The Ten Commandments:  
Love for the Lord's Allotment**  
*Catechism Questions 73, 74, & 75*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #40

### The Ten Commandments:

### Love for the Lord's Allotment

#### Memorization

**Question 73:** *Which is the eighth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The eighth commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."*

**Questions 74:** *What is required in the eighth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.*

**Question 75:** *What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?*

**Answer:** *The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.*

#### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The Lord's allotment to us.
3. Obtaining and preserving the Lord's allotment.
4. Abusing the Lord's allotment.
5. Applications.

#### Literal Study

1. Define these words as they are used in this lecture:

a) Steal \_\_\_\_\_

b) Procure \_\_\_\_\_

c) Furthering the wealth \_\_\_\_\_

d) Outward estate \_\_\_\_\_

2. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 73 through 75.

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**Lecture Checkup**

1. What is the significance of knowing that God owns everything? How does this affect our understanding of property and wealth?

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2. What is the right understanding of private property and wealth?

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3. If we steal from someone, a private person or a business, what two things are we doing against God? Why?

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4. What's the right way to understand the shared property in the church in Acts 4:32? Is it a form of communism? Explain your answer.

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5. In Acts chapter 5, why was the action of Ananias and Sapphira a great sin?

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6. What are the two primary and lawful ways of gaining and preserving wealth and increasing our outward estate?

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7. Why should we work for a living if we are able? Why was it important to Paul that he and his fellow workers earned their own living?

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8. List the several ways that people can abuse the Lord's allotment?

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9. What are the benefits of laboring and working with your hands the things which are good?

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10. Why is sloth a type of stealing? What are common forms of sloth?

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**Further Studies**

1. How may we and ought we endeavor the procurement and preservation of our wealth and outward estate?

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2. What is our duty towards all, in reference to their wealth and outward estate?

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3. Why should we forbear all manner of theft and endeavors to enrich ourselves by the wronging of others?

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4. How may we be kept from the sins forbidden in this eighth commandment?

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**Practical Application**

1. Why should we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," and then go and work for a living? How would you explain this seeming contradiction?

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2. Why should we thank God for the ability to work? Some are unable to work, and so what should we do for those who cannot support themselves?

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**Project Ideas**

Collect passages from the Book of Proverbs which speak about diligence and sloth. Meditate on the verses, and pray for wisdom. Then make a plan for exercising your own daily personal diligence, along with daily self-discipline in your spiritual life. Be sure to pray as you set out on this project, and ask God to bless you in your daily work.