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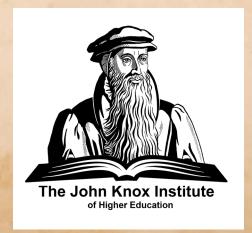
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Memorization

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.

Basic Questions for Question and Answers 73, 74, & 75

1. What does the word, "steal" mean as used in this lecture?

2. What does the word "procure" mean as it is used in this lecture?
3. What does the word "further" mean as it is used in this lecture?
4. What does the word "wealth" mean as it is used in this lecture?
5. Summarize the main teachings from the answers to Questions 73 through 75.
Bible Study Questions (Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)
1. God owns everything, and gives to men an allotment according to his goodwill.
1 Chronicles 29:11–14
1 Samuel 2:7–8
2. There are primarily two ways to gain and preserve wealth.2 Thessalonians 3:8–12

Ephesians 4:28
3. Those who are slothful steal.
Proverbs 26:13–16
<u>Lecture Checkup</u>
1. What is the significance of knowing that God owns everything? How does this affect our understanding of property and wealth?
2. What is the right understanding of private property and wealth?
3. If we steal from someone, a private person or a business, what two things are we doing against God? Why?
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.

5. In Acts chapter 5, why was the action of Ananias and Sapphira a great sin?
6. What are the two primary and lawful ways of gaining and preserving wealth and increasing our outward estate?
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?
8. List the several ways that people can abuse the Lord's allotment?
9. What are the benefits of laboring and working with your hands the things which are good?
10. Why is sloth a type of stealing? What are common forms of sloth?

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?	
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?	