

Intro:

Ex. 20:15. WLC Q&A 140-141: “truth ... everyone his due” and “an endeavor ... as well as our own.”

Main Point of Text: God commands His people to take care of one another’s property; it involves not hiding, but helping.

Sermon Point: *You are your brother’s keeper.*

Move 1: Be a true, faithful, and just public servant.

LC: “truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man, rendering to every one his due”:

- *These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: (Zech. 8:16)*
- *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. (Rom 13:7)*
- Gen. 47:14, 20. Joseph was honorable and trustworthy with his master’s resources, and grew them.

LC: “an endeavour, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own”:

- Deuteronomy 22:1-4: see something lost, it is your job to get it found by the rightful owner.
 - Vs. 1: literally, ‘return thou shalt return’. Vs. 4, “raise up, raise up”. Emphatic to get involved.
 - Vss. 1, 3, 4: do not “hide thyself”. Don’t avoid. Do your civic duty.
 - Emphasis on “see” and seeking out. Don’t turn blind eye. God’s eyes are always on you.
 - “Brother”: nation of Israel, everyone. Jesus, your “neighbor” is everyone (Lk. 10).
- *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (Phil. 2:4)*

Conclusion:

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