

“You Shall not Steal” (OC, 125–127)  
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Introduction: Theft defined according to expediency not God’s word

- I. What the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment assumes (3 Things)
  - A. Assumes the right to own personal property
  - B. Assumes voluntary, not compulsory giving and sharing
  - C. God’s Creation as an analog to Man’s creation
- II. The Ethic of the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment
  - A. The Violation of the 8th commandment begins with the Violation of the 10th commandment
  - B. How do we break the 8th commandment? (4 general areas)
    1. Taking anything that is not yours is theft, whether it is of little or great value.
    2. Squandering our time is theft.
    3. Stealing from God (Mal 3:8-10)
    4. Refusing to give glory to God where it is due is theft
- III. How does salvation change this?
  1. First, it pardons us of the guilt and penalty of sin.
  2. But second, it redeems us from the Gollum-like slavery to stuff for the sake of stuff by giving us a new attitude toward the products of our work (Eph 4:28)

Conclusion (Phil 2:6)