

For Further Study August 27 – September 2



THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:15 "You shall not steal"

Heidelberg Catechism 111.

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.

Examine the question and answer from the Catechism. In what ways does this challenge or support how you live out your Christian faith?

1. Challenge
2. Support

Read Isaiah 58:5-10

What do these verses tell us about God's desire for our devotion to him?

What is the “problem” addressed in Isaiah 58:5? What similarities do you experience in your Christian life?

Isaiah 58:6-7 Provide a “different kind of fast” for the people to engage in. What are we supposed to be doing as followers of God?

What does this have to do with the Eight Commandment – Do not steal?

Read Isaiah 58:8-10 again. What does God say will be the result of our obedience?

What would it look like in your life to begin to live more like the vision expressed in Isaiah 58 and Catechism Q&A 111?