

SERMON NOTES

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REGARDING OUR STUFF

Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28, 1 Timothy 6:17-19

I. GRACIOUS INSTRUCTION REGARDING OUR STUFF

- **Thou shalt not wrongfully take others' stuff.**
(Exodus 20:15) You shall not steal. (Ephesians 4:28a) He who steals must steal no longer.

- **Thou shalt not wrongfully keep your stuff.**
(1 Timothy 6:17-18) Instruct those who are rich in this present world... to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. (Ephesians 4:28) He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

II. GRACIOUS ENABLEMENT REGARDING OUR STUFF

- **Find contentment in God.**
(1 Timothy 6:17-19) Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God... so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

- **Find confidence in God.**
(Romans 8:31-32) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

- **Find the power to change in God.**
(2 Corinthians 8:9) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.