

Deut. 23:15-24:7

# ***Stealing Freedom***

## **The Eighth Word (And You Shall Not Steal), Part Six**

Sermon Notes for August 7, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro - The Hatfields, McCoys and R. J. Rushdoony

### **Steps to Implement Biblical Social Justice**

1. Know Your Bible
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4. Tithe, Tracking the Benevolence Portion
5. Accumulate Wealth by Diligence
6. When Necessary, Accept Charity Charitably
7. Fight (Politically) the Killing of the Golden Goose (Register Voters, PAC Tax Credit, Etc.)
8. Fight (Educationally) the Killing of the Golden Goose
9. Remember and Do the Three Gifts (GKL)
10. Make known to the Deacons gleaning opportunities at your home or work.
11. Make known to the Deacons if you have money for poor loans.
12. Have an open heart and hands for single moms.
13. Be a lunch buddy or a mentor parent.
14. Start a discussion group on helping the poor.
15. Be part of the party in 2035. 52 to 26 to Zero (58:Fast Living by Scott C. Todd)

Don't **Steal** What? (2x in Dt.)

Steal Man From What? (What Is Freedom?)

"Education for Human Flourishing" vs. Statist Slavery

### **Moses' Sermon Section on the Eighth Word – Deut 23:15-24:7**

1. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not give back to his master the **slave** who has escaped from his master to you. <sup>16</sup> He may dwell with you in your midst, in the place which **he chooses** within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; you shall not oppress him. W1 **Change of Masters**

**Expand Freedom in the World, The Light of Biblical Freedom - Be as Good as Esau**

2. <sup>17</sup> "There shall be no ritual harlot [holy one] of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one [holy one] of the sons of Israel. W2 **God's Right to our Persons, No Idolatry**

3. <sup>18</sup> You shall not bring the **wages** of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God. W# **No Vain (Empty) Payment**

**Don't Be and Enslaver or Enslaved by Sex or by "Judas Priests"**

-The Privilege of Access, On God's Terms!

4. <sup>19</sup> "You shall not charge **interest** to your brother—interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest. <sup>20</sup> To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, that the LORD your God may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess. **Giving Rest to the Poor**

**Be A Gracious Extender of Life, Not Enslaving Through Debt - Be As Gracious as Esau!**  
-Life in Community, not in Isolation

5. <sup>21</sup> "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall **not delay to pay it**; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. <sup>22</sup> But if you abstain from vowed, it shall not be sin to you. <sup>23</sup> That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth. **Don't Steal from Authority**

**Use Your Freedom of Speech Wisely - Be As Faithful as Jacob**

6. <sup>24</sup> "When you come into your neighbor's **vineyard**, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put any in your container. <sup>25</sup> When you come into your neighbor's **standing grain**, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain. **Don't Steal from Equal**

**Rejoice in the Circumscribed Freedom of Life - Don't be as Ungracious as Esau's Children!**  
-Laws of Kindness

7. 24:1 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, <sup>2</sup> when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife, <sup>3</sup> if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, <sup>4</sup> then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. **Divorce**

8. <sup>5</sup> "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken. **Separating (Stealing) Spouse**

**Use Your Freedom to Cause Others To Rejoice! Be as Unweakening as Abraham!**

- The Great Significance of Marriage and the Family! (and Human Flourishing)  
- Aristotle, Alexander the Great, John Gill, Maimonides, and Tax Exemption

9. <sup>6</sup> "No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes one's living in pledge. **Stealing Life (Necessities)**

10. <sup>7</sup> "If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you. **Coveting and Stealing**

**Do Not Remove Freedom/Life) From Men; to Live, Work and Recreate - Be More Life-giving than Joseph's Brothers**

**Freedom, Property and Human Flourishing**

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Seven Fold Creational Chiastic Arrangement by Pastor Tuuri

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### Day 2 As Heavenly People, Stay Free of Fallen Enslaving Earth People

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### Day 3 Extend the Free Grace of the Firstfruits

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### Day 4 Honor the King with Free Significant Speech

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### Day 5 Delight in the Joy of Circumscribed Freedom

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### Day 6 - Take Pleasure in the Freeing Estate of Marriage

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### Day 7 Don't Steal Life, Rejoice In It!

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