



STAND YOUR GROUND, Part IV
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“Made for Dominion”

A Worldview is how I see the world. It’s like a lens or a framework.

- How it is designed (random, created, evolving).
- Why things happen the way they do (karma, plan).
- Your purpose (meaning, fulfillment, destiny)

Command #8: *You shall not steal, Exodus 20:15*

Dominion: Humanity’s nature and calling.

- Genesis 1:26-27
- God has absolute dominion. Humanity shares this assignment under Him.

Sin has perverted humanity’s craving for dominion.

- History is a long tale of horror as humanity has sought power and dominion for himself, his tribe, or his nation.

Redemption includes our physical, social and political lives.

- Romans 8:20-21
- Every arena of life is ordered around God’s moral law.

Commandment #8 establishes the way the creation mandate is lived out.

- Dominion involves property: private property is protected by the Law.

Do not steal summarizes the second tablet of the Law:

- ⇒ Murder is stealing a life.
- ⇒ Adultery is stealing a spouse.
- ⇒ Giving false testimony is stealing justice.
- ⇒ Coveting is the desire to steal what someone else has

⇒ Stealing human beings: kidnapping into slavery (Ex. 21:6)

⇒ Stealing property:

- Private property is essential to any free and just society
- All tyrannies take away private property

⇒ Stealing a reputation: slander, gossip, libel

⇒ Stealing knowledge: copyrights, intellectual property

⇒ Stealing through by-standing and immoral apathy

Group Discussion:

1. Have you ever had something stolen from you? What did that feel like?
2. What are the best ways to Commandment #8 can be instilled, taught, or modeled for the next generation?
3. What are some ways our culture has accepted stealing as normal in our laws, policies, or personal practices?