

Zion Lutheran's Church Wide Study of the Catechism

The 7th Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What does God forbid in the 7th Commandment?

He forbids every kind of robbery, theft, and dishonest way of getting things.

Scripture verses to contemplate:

Lev. 19:35

Ps. 37:21

Eph. 4:28

2 Thess. 3:10 If a man will not work, he shall not eat...

One of the Bible narratives in Luther's Small Catechism has us reflect on the story of Abraham giving Lot the choice of the land in Genesis 13:9. Then Abraham rescues Lot from the enemy and recovered Lot's property in Gen 14:12-16.

This shows us that we are to help our neighbor in every need.

Look at Matt. 5:42 and Heb. 13:16 and 1 John 3:17 for further scriptures.