Christians Respect What Belongs to Others

GRADE 5

CHAPTER 23 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 23**.*

The way we treat a person's property reflects how we treat the person. We are to respect others, so we should respect the property of others.

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The Seventh and Tenth Commandments teach us to respect the property of others and to be satisfied with what we have.

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The Seventh Commandment says, "You shall not steal." We also must not cheat others. That is a form of stealing.

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We must make restitution if we steal, lose, or damage something that belongs to someone else.

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The Tenth Commandment says, "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods." When you covet what belongs to others, you resent the fact that they have more than you or something better. This leads to envy.

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God created the goods of the earth for all to share. Greed is the desire to have more than our fair share.

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In the parable of the rich fool, a farmer had a good harvest. He could have shared, but he tried to find ways to keep all the extra wheat. He thought the goods of the earth belonged to him.

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In a just world, the strong would work to make life better for the weak. All people would be respected and their needs met. Jesus wants all Christians to work to make a more just world.

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All people deserve a share of God's creation. The faithful have a duty to justly distribute the goods of the earth to everyone.

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At each person's death, God will mercifully judge us based on the extent to which we showed love for one another through our words and actions.

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