

authority of God, am entitled to have property, to use it and to get gain from it.

3. *God has instructed me in the stewardship of my possessions.* I am to be thrifty, industrious; I am not to waste or dissipate that which He has put in my care. The fool and his money, He says, soon part. He warns against being slothful and being a sluggard. In fact, He tells me that all that I have has been given to me by Him.

4. *God gave me my capital.* I am told, "He giveth thee power to get gain," and "What hast thou, O man, that thou hast not received?" In the parable of the talents and the parable of the pounds, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ laid down principles of gain and reward on the basis of faithful and unfaithful stewardship.

The Communists hate the Bible because it makes the individual responsible. The Communists hate the Ten Commandments because they grant the divine right to private property. The Communists hate God because God claims the worship and service of the individual. This the Communists want.

5. *God's Word forbids me to steal.*

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28). This one verse alone has in it all the elements for a free and capitalist society. First, the respect for the property and the rights of others — "let him . . . steal no more." Second, the responsibility of a man to labor and to get gain.

Third, the obligation to labor at that which is approved by God, which is good. Fourth, to get profit. The profit motive is not sinful but is proper before God, "that he may have." And, finally, capitalistic benevolence—"to give to him that needeth." Benevolence should be a private thing before Almighty God.

6. *God judges me for my use of my property.* The capitalist's abuse of his possessions is sin. The Apostle James, chapter 5, verse 1, says, "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."

7. *God's judgments against the capitalists are eternal.* God's judgments are forever. They are true and just. But God wants every man to be a good steward.

The smallest boy, with the few pennies that he