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... the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. - Leviticus 25.23, ©NIV

Malachi 3.8-10

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Now, stealing is indeed a wide-spread and common vice, but people notice it so little that it exceeds all measure, so that if all who are thieves, though they are unwilling to admit it, were to be hanged on gallows, the world would soon be devastated, and there would be a lack both of executioners and gallows. For, to steal is not only to empty our neighbor's coffer and pockets, but to take advantage of others in the market, in all stores, booths, wine and beer cellars, workshops, and, in short, wherever there is trading or taking and giving of money for merchandise or labor. - Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 224

“... working the thing that is good with the hands ... - ”Ephesians 4.28, Young's Literal Translation

Genesis 2.15

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What we have learned is the following ... the more generous Americans are, the more happiness, health, and purpose in life they enjoy. The association between generous practices and personal well-being is strong and highly consistent across a variety of types of generous practices and measures of well-being ...despite all of this, it turns out many Americans fail to live generous lives. A lot of Americans are indeed very generous – but even more are not. And so the latter are deprived by their lack of generosity ... People rightly say that money cannot buy happiness. But money and happiness are still related in a curious way. Happiness can be the result, not of spending more money on oneself but rather of giving money away to others. The same hold true for other forms of generous giving, such as volunteering, and taking care of family and neighbors ... People actually grow by giving themselves away. For people who want to be happy, to enjoy health, to lead purposeful lives – which we assume includes nearly everyone – this paradox of generosity is important to understand ... We need to learn to share our resources generously with others. - Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson, The Paradox of Generosity, p 2, 7, 12

It is no longer a question of “How much of mine do I give up?” But rather, “How much of God's should I keep?” - Tom Sine, The New Conspirators, p 247