



3. What is the standard for its use?  
Ac 2: 44-45; I Cor. 6: 19; Jn 8: 44; Deut 6: 4-9

4. Effects of the Fall  
Gen. 3: 5; Hosea 2: 18; Matt 6: 33

### Questions for Conversation and Reflection

1. How do you think modern American society regards the concept of private property? Does American law put any constraints on the use of private property by individuals, families or corporations? What is the source of those restraints? If private property is a “right” then what are the grounds for property taxes?
2. How do socialists usually regard private property? How do capitalists? Which understanding is more in line with Scripture? Given the biblical understanding of property....is it ever permissible to hold property in common? If so, under what conditions?
3. How much property do you own? Do you spend a lot of time thinking about how you should use it? Do you make an effort to use it as a tool to extend Christ's Kingdom? Or do you see your property as separate from the claims of Christ? What does it mean to use your property productively? What does it mean to use it compassionately? Is it possible to do both?
4. How do you view your children? Do you own them when they are under your care? Does the state own them? What is the significance of baptism for our children? What does it say about their ownership and our responsibility? What did it mean give your children to Molech? What are modern applications? [see Lev. 18:21; 20: 21; Jer. 32: 34-35]