

“Private Property & Character”

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It is really important to stress the role of private property, but I think it is part of a larger picture which is responsibility of the individual before God. If you take it in that context, many of the other issues will be dealt with because of the consciousness of the issue:

What kind of person am I becoming?

I believe what God gets out of our lives is the person we become. The life we have now is almost negligible certainly in length to what we have later. The kind of person we become will serve to limit many of these limitations.

Private property is not a philosophy of life. It is a particular part and very essential part of a philosophy of life.

* Many people thought Adam Smith's *"The Invisible Hand"* was the whole deal. He wrote at great length on morality. He never assumed that the world was going to run just on the invisible hand.

The big issue is what kind of persons are we are becoming in the process.

I think the expending of energy and the way it is done, especially whether or not it is done under God, is the primary determinate of character.

—> Private property is really central to how your energy is expended.

* Recently painted homes in Bratislava, Slovakia after the fall of the Wall. They said, *"Nobody painted their houses under Communism."*
That's so profound. Once it is my house, I will paint it.

It is crucial to understanding the relationship of the individual kingdom to the Kingdom of God and in that area the expending of energy freely is really the central issue for understanding God's purpose in humanity.

