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LINCOLN on Private Property

ABRAHAM LINCOLN believed in giving freedom to slaves so that instead of working in serfdom for others they might keep for themselves their own earnings. The quotation below shows that he believed just as strongly in protecting the freedom of all other Americans to keep, each for himself, the fruits of his own labors:

PROPERTY is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. . . . Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him labor diligently to build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence. . . . I take it that it is best for all to leave each man free to acquire property as fast as he can. Some will get wealthy. I don't believe in a law to prevent a man from getting rich; it would do more harm than good.

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TEN POINTS - They cost so little...are worth so much!

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by *discouraging thrift.*
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by *weakening the strong.*
3. You cannot help small men by *tearing down big men.*
4. You cannot help the poor by *destroying the rich.*
5. You cannot lift the wage-earner by *pulling down the wage-payer.*
6. You cannot keep out of trouble by *spending more than your income.*
7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by *inciting class hatred.*
8. You cannot establish sound security on *borrowed money.*
9. You cannot build character and courage by *taking away a man's initiative.*
10. You cannot really help men by *having the government tax them to do for them what they can and should do for themselves.*

Carl Snyder, in his great book, "Capitalism the Creator," and Willford I. King, in his study, "Raising the Workingman's Scale of Living," have demonstrated that in a free society the wealth of men like Ford, Edison, John Deere, and millions of small businessmen, providing better tools, enriches all citizens. Ask for free copies of "Capitalism the Creator" booklet, 32 pp., and "Raising the Workingman's Scale of Living," sending 5c for postage.

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