

CONCLUSIONS

As we assess the role of various forms of ownership in the United States, in the developing countries and in communist countries, we must focus our attention on the divinely ordained purposes of material goods and move toward that form of ownership which will best guarantee those purposes in the specific circumstances which prevail in various countries at this time. Thus, we shall hasten the day in which new technology will make an abundance of goods and services available to all God's people.

We are convinced that the exciting technological advances now occurring particularly in the more developed countries warrant an extension, not a destruction, of the ownership of productive property. We suggest that the perennial emphasis of the Church on the right of individuals to own such property deserves reaffirmation at this time and that we should consider bold new steps to enable the vast majority of God's people to become owners of property which will constitute for them a source of a second income. We maintain that this will help reduce poverty and to restore human rights and dignity to millions.