

No Stealing

Series: Where Life Flourishes: Engaging the 10 Commandments
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The Eight Commandment - Exodus 20:15

“You shall not steal.” (NIV)

“No stealing.” (MSG)

“You are not to take what is not yours.” (VOICE)

“You shall not steal [secretly, openly, fraudulently, or through carelessness]. (AMP)

A. How We Steal

1. Taking Things That Belong to Others-

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously. Psalm 37:21

2. From Institutions-

“Jesus said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.” Mark 12:17

3. From God-

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Malachi 3:8-9

B. The Consequences of Stealing

1. Achan

Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.” Joshua 7:20-21

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. Proverbs 23:4-5

2. It Damages the Soul

And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul? Mark 8:36-37

3. Worry

C. Healing from Stealing

1. Stop Stealing, Work, Give

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Ephesians 4:28

2. Make Restitution When Possible.

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Luke 19:8

3. Give to God What Belongs to Him

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10

4. Trust God

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. Hebrews 13:5-6