

THE STEALTHY THIEF

**— KEEP YOUR EYES ON —
YOUR POSSESSIONS**



Sermon Summary

This sermon draws on John 10:10, where Jesus declares that the thief comes only to steal, kill,

and destroy, but that He came so that His people might have life more abundantly. Lady E uses the imagery of a natural thief operating in stealth to illustrate how the enemy works in the spiritual realm, quietly and cunningly attempting to rob believers of their joy, peace, faith, and hope. The sermon emphasizes that believers must be spiritually vigilant, grounded in the Word of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, and diligent in seeking God. She calls the congregation to trust God rather than people, circumstances, or worldly sources of information, and to understand that God prepares His people before placing them in difficult situations. The message is one of encouragement, reminding the congregation that God is a provider, a healer, and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Key Points:

- **The enemy operates in stealth, quietly attempting to rob believers of their spiritual possessions, including joy, peace, faith, and hope, often without them realizing it**
- **Just as a natural thief violates a person's sense of security and hard work, the enemy seeks to violate and destroy everything God has placed in a believer's life**
- **Believers sometimes lay down their own spiritual possessions by allowing worldly influences, fear, doubt, and negative thinking to take root**

- **Hebrews 11:6 makes clear that without faith it is impossible to please God, and believers must seek Him diligently, not casually**
- **God prepares His people before placing them in difficult situations, and what feels like delay is often divine preparation**
- **The Holy Ghost is essential for living a life that pleases God, as it provides the power needed to be a witness and to overcome the enemy**
- **Acts 2:38 outlines the foundational steps of repentance, baptism in Jesus name, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost**
- **Believers must not isolate themselves or give in to pity, as the enemy uses isolation and discouragement to weaken faith**
- **Bible study and consistent fellowship are vital tools for spiritual growth and endurance throughout the week**

- **Trust must be placed in God rather than in people, institutions, or worldly resources, because God alone never changes**

Scripture references

Matthew 10:16 The instruction to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Psalms 121:1-2 Looking to the hills, with help coming from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Philippians 4:19 God supplying every need according to his riches in Christ Jesus.

Luke 9:23 The call to take up one's cross daily and deny oneself.

John 6:44 No one can come to the Father unless drawn by God.

Galatians 2:20 The concept of crucifying the flesh daily.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Not being ignorant of the devil's devices.

1 Corinthians 10:13 God always providing a way of escape from temptation.

Revelation 10:9-10 The imagery of eating the scroll that is sweet in the mouth and bitter in the stomach, used to describe consuming God's word.