

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

The Big Ten aim us at right relationships.

- Exodus 20:15
- Psalm 24:1

God provides for us.

- Genesis 2:8–12
- Genesis 3:1
- Genesis 3:6
- Malachi 3:8–10

God wants us to ask for his provision.

- Matthew 6:8
- Matthew 6:11

God wants us to manage his possessions rightly.

- Ephesians 4:28
- 1 Timothy 5:16
- Ephesians 4:28
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- John 3:16

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you were a kid, did you ever steal something? Share your story with the group.
2. What does the command in Exodus 20:15 reveal about the character and nature of God?
3. What is the specific “do not” that God lays out in Ephesians 4:28, and what is the positive command? What are some examples of the different ways people may be guilty of stealing?
4. The end of Ephesians 4:28 might seem peculiar, depending on your outlook on life. Would you say you work so that you have something to share with anyone in need, or so that you have what you want and need? Why do you think that is, and how does Paul’s view here challenge your thinking?
5. **Read John 1:16, John 3:16, and Ephesians 2:4-7.** In light of the lavish grace that Jesus has poured out, how should we view our lives and resources?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-4.** What was the financial condition of the Macedonian believers and what was their attitude and action in helping Christians who were suffering in Jerusalem?
7. How has your willingness to share your money or possessions changed during your life? How could you grow in being more generous and open-handed towards others and the world?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.* **Ephesians 4:28**