

COMPLETE IN HIM
Exodus 20:15 (CSB)

"Do not steal."

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1. This guardrail PROTECTS us from OURSELVES.

- This guardrail protects us individually.

"When someone sins and offends the LORD by deceiving his neighbor in regard to a deposit, a security, or a robbery; or defrauds his neighbor; ³ or finds something lost and lies about it; or swears falsely about any of the sinful things a person may do—⁴ once he has sinned and acknowledged his guilt—he must return what he stole or defrauded, or the deposit entrusted to him, or the lost item he found, ⁵ or anything else about which he swore falsely. He will make full restitution for it and add a fifth of its value to it. He is to pay it to its owner on the day he acknowledges his guilt."

Leviticus 6:2-5 (CSB)

- This guardrail protects our society.

"You must not follow a crowd in wrongdoing. Do not testify in a lawsuit and go along with a crowd to pervert justice. ³ Do not show favoritism to a poor person in his lawsuit."

Exodus 23:2-3 (CSB)

"Do not act unjustly when deciding a case. Do not be partial to the poor or give preference to the rich; judge your neighbor fairly."

Leviticus 19:15 (CSB)

"Do not deny justice or show partiality to anyone. Do not accept a bribe, for it blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous."

Deuteronomy 16:19 (CSB)

2. This guardrail brings us CLOSER to GOD.

Trust in the LORD and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.

Psalms 37:3-4 (CSB)

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Matthew 5:6 (CSB)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. ⁸ If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (CSB)

3. The GOSPEL fills in the GAP between the guardrails.

Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

Exodus 20:1-2 (CSB)

Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need.

Ephesians 4:28 (CSB)

How Do I Find My Contentment In Him?

- Stay in His WORD

For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

Romans 15:4 (CSB)

- PRAY

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

1 Chronicles 16:11 (CSB)

- FAST

Even now—this is the LORD's declaration—turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

Joel 2:12 (CSB)

- STEWARDSHIP

A person should think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God. ² In this regard, it is required that managers be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (CSB)

- REST

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:29 (CSB)

But the other answered, rebuking him: "Don't you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment?"⁴¹ We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:40-43 (CSB)