

Lovin the Law – It's Not Yours

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Genesis 2:5-7,15 (NIV) – “Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being” – “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it”. –

“The ideal state of sinless man is not one of laziness without responsibility. Work and duty belong to the perfect state” – **H.C. Leupold**

Exodus 20:15 (NIV) – “You shall not steal”.

“**steal**” = Hebrew *ganab* - “to carry away; to take stealthily; to kidnap”

Exodus 20:15 (AMP) - “You shall not steal [secretly, openly, fraudulently, or through carelessness]”.

Psalm 62:10 (NIV) – “Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them”.

Proverbs 20:17 (NIV) – “Food gained by fraud tastes sweet, but one ends up with a mouth full of gravel”.

Revelation 12:9 (NKJV) – “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him”.

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John 10:10 (NIV) – “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”.

Ephesians 4:28 (NIV) - “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”.

“**work**” = Greek *kopiaio* - “to grow weary; toil; labor until worn-out”

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 (NIV) – “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat’”.

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who are not” – **Thomas Jefferson**

Malachi 3:7-10 (NIV) – “Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you”, says the Lord Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ 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. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this”, says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it”.

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Psalm 24:1 (NIV) – “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”.

Matthew 23:23 (NIV) – “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill, and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former”.

Luke 19:8-10 (NIV) – 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”. Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”.