

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 4-24-22
Christianity 102 – Message 24 Part 10
Are the Commandments still relevant today?

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking look back:
 - 1) The last command we studied – “Thou shalt not commit adultery”
 - a) Lust is a powerful emotion.
 - b) Jesus explained the spirit of this command.
 - c) We spoke of removing things that encourage wrong desires. Have you?
 - d) What was God protecting?
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) Do you understand why so many Israelites missed what God was teaching?
2. Consider first the commandment: Exodus 20:15
 - a. Amazingly the priests missed this again:
 - 1) “steal” – “ganab” – the act of carrying off something by stealth that is not yours.
 - a) Stealing – also speaks of the deceptive inner disposition that accompanies the act.
 - b) For believers – the action is evidence of the lack of trust that God will supply.
 - b. In the New Testament:
 - 1) Jesus spoke of this in Matthew 19:18 –
 - 2) Paul spoke of this command in Romans 13
3. Consider the scope of this problem of stealing:
 - a. Every day in America:
 - b. Which attitude represents your heart?
 - 1) What’s mine is mine – I’ll keep it.
 - 2) What yours is mine – I’ll steal it.
 - 3) What’s mine is God’s – I’ll steward it.
 - c. A modern-day picture of this problem:
 - 1) Economic losses –
 - 2) Employment theft –
 - 3) Employment time theft –
4. What is God protecting with this command?
 - a. Your heart:
 - 1) Matthew 15:19 –
 - 2) I Corinthians 6:9-11 –
 - b. Your faith:
 - 1) Romans 1:17 – saving faith into living faith.
 - a) Learning to trust God is always a work in progress.
 - 2) Stealing – it is the act but also reflect the inner deception from the heart.
 - c. Your walk:
 - 1) As you walk in the Spirit you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.
 - 2) As you walk you need to remember I Corinthians 6:19-20
 - 3) What is the principle here?
 - 4) Salvation brings about the truth of STEWARDSHIP!
 - 5) What is a steward?
5. What are you a steward of?
 - a. Your treasures:
 - 1) Tithing or Grace Giving?
 - a) I Corinthians 16:2.

- 2) Giving is an act of WORSHIP!
 - a) Jeremiah 7 – “amend your ways and your doings”
 - b) They believed they could live in sin and still come to the temple to worship a holy God.
 - c) Jeremiah asked them this question – Jeremiah 7:9-10 –
 - d) They came to worship God and yet their hearts were not right with God.
- b. Your time:
 - 1) Psalm 90:12 –
 - 2) Ephesians 5:15-16 –
 - 3) Colossians 4:5 –
- c. Your gifts:
 - 1) I Corinthians 12 -
 - 2) I Peter 4:10 –
6. Today’s Take Away:
 - a. Did you arrive here today at Southside with a heart prepared and ready to worship God?
 - 1) How would you answer Jeremiah’s question today?