

# EXODUS

An illustration of Moses, an elderly man with white hair and a beard, wearing a red robe and holding a wooden staff. He is walking towards the right, leading a group of people. The group consists of several black silhouettes of people, including children and adults, some carrying items. The background shows a desert landscape with rolling hills, a blue sky with yellow and white clouds, and some green grass tufts on the ground.

**Exodus 20:15**

**“Do Not Steal”**

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“Don’t carry away”

“Any means of taking the property of another without the free consent of that person”.

# Forms of Stealing

**Cheating employees – Leviticus 19:13**

**Scams – Leviticus 19:11**

**“Shrewd” business practices – Hosea 12:7**

**Corrupt judgments – Leviticus 19:15**

**Moving property lines – Deuteronomy 19:14**

**Usury – Leviticus 25:36**

# Leviticus 6:1–5

**1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the Lord, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion, 3 or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do;**

# Leviticus 6:1–5

4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found, 5 or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

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# Exodus 21:16

**“He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.”**

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# 1 Samuel 8:11–17

**“He said, “This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. 12 “He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and some to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13 “He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers.**

# 1 Samuel 8:11–17

14 “He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give them to his servants. 15 “He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. 16 “He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use them for his work. 17 “He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.”

# Marx on Private Property

**“The theory of the Communists may be summed up in a single sentence: Abolition of private property.”**

**-Karl Marx, Manifesto of the Communist Party, ed. Frederick Engels (Chicago: Charles H. Kerr, 1909), p. 34.**

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# Luke 12:15

**“Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”**

# Ephesians 5:2–3

**“... Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. 3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;”**

# Colossians 3:8-9

**“But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices...”**

# Colossians 3:10

**“... and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—”**



# Ephesians 4:28

**“He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”**

# Philippians 2:3–4

**“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”**

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