# LIVING WITH INTEGRITY

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Exodus 22:1-31 (NASB95)

## 1. PRACTICE HONESTY IN YOUR DEALINGS. (1-15)

Exodus 22:1-31 (NASB95) [1]"If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep. [2]"If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account. [3]"But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. [4]"If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double. [5]"If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed bare and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard. [6]"If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field itself is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution. [7]"If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for him and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is caught, he shall pay double. [8]"If the thief is not caught, then the owner of the house shall appear before the judges, to determine whether he laid his hands on his neighbor's property. [9]"For every breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before the judges; he whom the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor. [10]"If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep for him, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away while no one is looking, [11]an oath before the LORD shall be made by the two of them that he has not laid hands on his neighbor's property; and its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution. [12]"But if it is actually stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner. [13]"If it is all torn to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn to pieces. [14]"If a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution. [15]"If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

A. RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO OTHERS.

B. REPAIR THE DAMAGE YOU CAUSED.

C. REMAIN FAITHFUL WITH WHAT IS ENTRUSTED TO YOU.

## 2. PROTECT THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS. (16-27)

[16]"If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her to be his wife. [17]"If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the dowry for virgins. [18]"You shall not allow a sorceress to live. [19]"Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death. [20]"He who sacrifices to any god, other than to the LORD alone, shall be utterly destroyed. [21]"You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. [22]"You shall not

afflict any widow or orphan. [23]"If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry; [24]and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. [25]"If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest. [26]"If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets, [27]for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that when he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for I am gracious.

A. RESPECT GOD'S BOUNDARIES.

B. REFUSE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VULNERABLE.

C. RESPOND WITH COMPASSION TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

## 3. PRIORITIZE HONORING GOD. (28-31)

[28]"You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people. [29]"You shall not delay the offering from your harvest and your vintage. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me. [30]"You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me. [31]"You shall be holy men to Me, therefore you shall not eat any flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

A. RESPECT GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY.

B. RETURN TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO HIM.

C. REFLECT GOD'S HOLINESS IN YOUR LIFE.