

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Don't Steal
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Review the message notes.

Think of a time when something was stolen from you. How do you remember feeling?

What impact did it have on your future decisions (i.e., buying an alarm system, being cautious about trusting others, etc.)?

Now for a more difficult question, when have you stolen from someone else? Remember stealing can take many forms.

Why did you do it?

What happened after you stole? To you...to your relationship with the person you stole from?

Put in your own words why you think God takes stealing so seriously.

Do you agree that a cure for stealing is generous giving?

What is one way you can increase your generosity toward God and others this week?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

GNB – Good News Bible

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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The first four commandments address how we relate to God.

The next six address how we are to relate to each other.

Following them allows us to build trust.
Breaking them destroys relationships.

You must not steal.

Exodus 20:15 (NLT)

steal (def): to wrongfully take something that belongs to another

Do not steal. Do not deceive or cheat one another.

Leviticus 19:11 (NLT)

⁸ *Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.* ⁹ *For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love*

your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ *Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.*

Romans 13:8–10 (NLT)

There are numerous ways that we steal from each other...

- property
- information (phishing)
- credit

"Therefore," says the Lord, "I am against these prophets who steal messages from each other and claim they are from me."

Jeremiah 23:30 (NLT)

- compensation (see James 5:1-4)

How can I tolerate your merchants who use dishonest scales and weights?

Micah 6:11 (NLT)

- time/attention
- opportunity

We can also be guilty of stealing from God.

Begin by being honest. Do honest people rob God? But you rob me day after day. You ask, 'How have we robbed you?' The tithe and the offering—that's how!"

Malachi 3:8 (MSG)

A cure for stealing is generous giving for the right reason.

Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.

Luke 6:38 (GNB)