

Value Other's Property

The Ten Commandments

"You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:15

Why is stealing wrong?

1. Theft violates others' God given right to own _____.

2. Theft reveals a lack of trust in God's _____.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

*"If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep. **Exodus 22:1***

*"A thief must certainly make restitution, but if he has nothing, he must be sold to pay for his theft. **Exodus 22:3***

*"If the stolen animal is found alive in his possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—he must pay back double. **Exodus 22:4***

*"Say to the Israelites: 'When a man or woman wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the Lord, that person is guilty and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, add one fifth to it and give it all to the person he has wronged. **Numbers 5:6-7***

How do we violate this commandment?

1. Taking or keeping anything that belongs to another person.

Theft among common people

- Overcharging _____
- Neglecting to repay a debt
- Selling faulty goods
- Charging excessive interest

Theft among common people

- Taking small supplies home from work
- Underpaying immigrant workers
- Pirating copyrighted materials
- Turning in non-work meals, miles, and _____
- Deceptively using fine print or legalese
- Doing personal business on work time
- Freeloading on the generous
- Declaring bankruptcy on debts you never intended to pay

“If you see your brother’s ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it but be sure to take it back to him. Deuteronomy 22:1

“If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him. Exodus 23:4

2. Taking or keeping anything that belongs to a _____.

How do we violate this commandment?

3. Taking or keeping anything that belongs to the _____.

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Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Romans 13:7

4. It’s possible for us to steal from _____.

How do we violate this commandment?

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’

“In tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:8

Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. Proverbs 15:16

Principles to assure honesty.

1. Repent and make _____ when possible.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" **Luke 23:39**

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." **Luke 23:40-41**

*Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*
Luke 23:42-43

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. **Isaiah 66:2**

"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." **Luke 19:8**

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **1 Peter 2:12**

2. Cultivate a sensitive _____ about stealing.

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3. Be alert to the _____ and avoid them.

Principles to assure honesty.

4. Give generously of your _____ and trust God for His provisions. *Principles to assure honesty.*

If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. **Luke 6:29**

Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. **Luke 6:30-31**

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." **Luke 12:15**

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **Matthew 6:19***

*But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:20-21***

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. **Romans 3:20***

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. **Revelation 22:17***

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