

Thou Shalt Not Steal
Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28
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We live in a world where stealing has become a way of _____. For many, it is not the breaking of the principle that is criminal or immoral, but the _____ stolen. The teaching of God's Word must be made clear that the sin of _____ includes everything from the conscious acceptance of incorrect change to _____ hold up.

A. The Definition of "Steal"

1. "To take that which belongs to another without his _____ or knowledge"
 - a. It was regarded in Israel as _____.
 - b. The thief was held in _____ and scorned.
2. It is restricted to acts of theft done _____.
 - a. Includes _____ (Exodus 22:2)
 - b. Includes _____ (Exodus 21:16)
3. _____ for theft
 - a. It was not as severe as in some neighboring nations where the _____ penalty was inflicted.
 - b. The Law required the thief to return to his victim _____ the amount he had stolen. (Exodus 22:7)
 - c. In the case of animals stolen, the thief had to return _____ oxen for one stolen, and _____ sheep for one stolen.
 - d. Only in the case of kidnapping (Exodus 21:16) or the theft of "devoted things" (Joshua 7:11, 25) was a thief _____.

B. Principles Revealed in This Commandment

1. It recognizes the rights of individuals to private _____.
2. It required _____ by the thief.

3. It includes the principle of basic _____ and goes beyond what the Law classifies as technical stealing. (Lev. 19:11, 13)

C. New Testament Teaching Concerning the Commandment

1. Men should _____ for their living. (Ephesians 4:28)
 - a. Corresponds with Genesis 1-3
 - (1). Before the fall, work was joyful and _____.
Genesis 1:26-30; 2:15
 - (2). After the fall, work was _____. (Gen 3:19)
 - b. Men have a responsibility to the _____ fortunate. (Ephesians 4:28; Galatians 2:10)
2. Those who will not work are not to be allowed to _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)

D. Underlying _____ Conditions That Lead to Stealing

1. _____ (Psalm 78:19)
2. Selfishness, _____, and covetousness
 - a. _____ (Joshua 7:21)
 - b. _____ (John 12:6)

E. Examples of Stealing to Consider

1. Outright _____ (Luke 10:30)
2. _____ those being robbed (Luke 10:31-32; James 4:17)
3. _____ (Romans 12:11)
4. False _____ (Proverbs 11:1)
5. Not returning that which was _____ (Psalm 37:21)
6. Knowingly receiving _____ goods
7. _____ on the time clock or in school
8. Robbing _____ (Malachi 3:8-10)