

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES
INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Exodus 20:15
“You shall not **steal**.”



Steal Heb: גָּנַב, *gaw-nab'*; to thief. To deceive another by the “carry away of or the taking by stealth to that which is the physical property of another or others. The taking away of an object, an animal or a person without an agreement of consent.

While the Eighth Commandment specifically prohibits stealing, the previous Commandments are all based on **not stealing** - not stealing the glory of God, not stealing His honor, not stealing authority away from parents (the Fifth Commandment), not stealing someone's life from them (the Sixth Commandment), not stealing someone's spouse (the Seventh Commandment), not stealing the truth from someone (the Ninth Commandment) and not planning/coveting to steal a possession from someone (the Tenth Commandment).

Our worldly system of right and wrong is in a constant state of decay. Man's laws change and usually for the worse.

Is. 55:8-9

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD. :9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

And when it comes to stealing – there is no difference to God
regarding the severity of being a thief.

Because human nature has a hard time taking a good look at
its self – we tend to qualify our sinful conduct in levels.

But This Law is given by God to protect the
property rights of an individual and the right of **private ownership**.
and the right of **self preservation** and **identity**.

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THE EIGHT COMMANDMENT

LOOKING INTO THE HEART OF GOD

1.) We steal from others when:

The 8th. Commandment (**horizontal**)

Exodus 20:15

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WE STEAL FROM OTHERS WHEN:

1a.) When we seek our own **honor** at another's expense

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WE STEAL FROM OTHERS WHEN:

1b.) When we manipulate someone for our **gain**

What about **over charge** someone on a job or an item.

Lev. 25:17

Do not take **advantage** of each other, but fear your God.
I am the LORD your God.

What about **cheating** on a test or an exam.

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WE STEAL FROM OTHERS WHEN:

1c.) When we **imagine** that something is **owed** to us

Income Tax Filing – It's a Felony

Luke 20:24-25

Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's." :25 And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

All Glory and Honor Is His Alone – not mine. Not yours.

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WE STEAL FROM OTHERS WHEN:

1d.) When we **see** others as a means to **obtain** things

Often By Fraud.

James 5:1-4

Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you*! :2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. :3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. :4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

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WE STEAL FROM OTHERS WHEN:

1e.) When we want what they have regardless

Stealing the **Virginity** of a Man or Woman - Lust
Stealing the **Reputation** of a Man or Woman - Slander

Ex. 21:16

"He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.

??? Is It Right To Go To Costco When You're Hungry ???

Ex. 22:2

If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, *there shall be* no guilt for his bloodshed.

The Sins of Choice

1Cor. 6:9-10

Do you not know that **the unrighteous** (*those who practice the wrong things*) will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **:10 nor thieves**, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionist will inherit the kingdom of God.

GAMBLING IS A CRIME TO GOD

Eph. 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

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THE EIGHT COMMANDMENT

LOOKING INTO THE HEART OF GOD

2.) We steal from ourselves when:

The 8th. Commandment (**horizontal**)

Exodus 20:15

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WE STEAL FROM OURSELVES WHEN:

2a.) When we **take** for granted **what** we have

In 1Kings 21 King Ahab Had It All.

Excepts Naboth's Vineyard

Stealing Is The Acting Out of the Internal **Lust** of **Coveting**

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WE STEAL FROM OURSELVES WHEN:

2b.) When we **fail** to take control of our **temptation**

Hotel's are ripped of on a daily bases.

Silverware. Salt & Pepper Shakers. Coffee/Tea Pots. Towels. Linens. Robes.

Fraudulent Insurance Claims.

Medical. Auto. Homeowners. Even Life Insurance Fraud.

Companies Report That Employees Steal

Equipment. Office Supplies. Pens. Information

Time Card Fraud / False Whereabouts

Lying about time worked or Outside Office time.

Cyber Theft - Personal Internet Use On Company Time

Using company paid-time. Company equipment

Personal Identity Theft

Stealing another person. A form of kidnapping.

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WE STEAL FROM OURSELVES WHEN:

2c.) When we tolerate a spirit of selfishness

False Ministries and the Cry for Money

(Fleeing the flock)

Matt. 21:12-13

Then Jesus went into the temple of God and **drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple**, and overturned the tables of **the money changers** and the seats of those **who sold doves**. :13 And He said to them, **"It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'** "

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WE STEAL FROM OURSELVES WHEN:

2d.) When we refuse to trust God for everything

But how do we steal from Ourselves?
How does that happen in our lives?

1Cor. 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? :20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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WE STEAL FROM OURSELVES WHEN:

2e.) When we deceive ourselves about self worth

stealing is sin and being a thief is
an attempt to “assume” something to yourself.

“in a twisted, psychosis a person will walk around flaunting a stolen car or ring knowing it's not theirs. – deception leading to self-destruction.”

@ The Battle of Ai and the sin of Achan

Josh. 7:11-21

Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among their own stuff... :13 Get up, sanctify the people, and say, “Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel...

*'There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you.'... :20 Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: :21 **When I saw** in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, **I coveted them** and **I took them**. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."*

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THE EIGHT COMMANDMENT

LOOKING INTO THE HEART OF GOD

3.) We steal from God when:

The 8th. Commandment (**horizontal**)

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WE STEAL FROM GOD WHEN:

3a.) When we misuse our **position**

by position I mean, what we poses. Who we influence.
What we leave behind.

Prov. 3:9

Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the
first fruits of all your increase;

First Fruits Meaning The Best of All.

Mal. 3:8-10

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. :9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. :10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

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WE STEAL FROM GOD WHEN:

3b.) When we exhaust our energy

Gen. 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” :2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; :3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” :6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

1John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

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WE STEAL FROM GOD WHEN:

3c.) When we poison our worship

Matthew 21:12-13

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

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WE STEAL FROM GOD WHEN:

3d.) When we waste our time

Eph. 5:15-16

Be careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, :16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

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WE STEAL FROM GOD WHEN:

3e.) When we abuse our abilities

Gambling is Stealing from God
And it's a Sin that Leads to Deception and Ruin.

Repentance from Stealing & Finding Forgiveness

Matt. 27:38

Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right
and another on the left.

Give The Invitation & Challenge

Go Off Air

End of Study

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