

THE 8th COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:15 New King James Version (NKJV)
15 “You shall not steal.

THE ORIGINAL THIEF!

John 10:10 New King James Version (NKJV)
10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

GOD HATES ROBBERY

Isaiah 61:8 New King James Version (NKJV)
“For I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery for burnt offering;
I will direct their work in truth,
And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Proverbs 11:1 New King James Version (NKJV)
Dishonest scales *are* an abomination to the Lord,
But a just weight *is* His delight.

STEALING: It's just not worth it!

Proverbs 20:17 New King James Version (NKJV)
Bread gained by deceit *is* sweet to a man,
But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

Proverbs 10:2 New King James Version (NKJV)
Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death.

WAYS OF STEALING YOU USUALLY DON'T THINK OF!!

NOT TITHING:

Malachi 3:8-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.

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**You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
Even this whole nation.**

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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*

USING GOD’S WORK TO FLEECE PEOPLE:

Matthew 21:12-13 New King James Version (NKJV)

12 Then Jesus went into the temple [a]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.’”

NOT PAYING TAXES:

Romans 13:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. **8** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

SOME TALK A GOOD TALK TO COVER THEIR REAL MOTIVE:

John 12:3-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for [a]three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

THE BOTTOM LINE: GO FROM BEING A TAKER TO A GIVER!!

Ephesians 4:28 New King James Version (NKJV)

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.**