

Don't Take What's Not Yours Notes

Exodus 20:15

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Main Point: When we steal, we take from the person who possesses it, and from God who owns it. When we trust God's providential provision, we will treat people and their property with respect.

You Shall Not Steal

1. The Hebrew word for "steal" means, "to quickly carry something away by _____."
 - It is the idea of deceitfully appropriating someone else's property without _____.
2. This command is direct to every individual.
3. The command is comprehensive – we are not to steal _____ from anyone at any time for any reason.
4. It's stated in the strong negative – God wants us to be just and _____.

Five Biblical Principles

1. God _____ everything (Psalm 24:1).
2. Everything I have is a _____ from God (1 Corinthians 4:7).
3. I am a _____ of all He's given to me (1 Peter 4:10).
4. I must _____ the property of every person (Isaiah 61:8).
5. I must be a _____, not a taker – I's to be involved with sharing (Ephesians 4:28).

Why People Steal

1. They wanted it.
2. Discontent with what God has _____.
3. Distrust in the _____ of God.
4. Denial of _____ for a neighbor.

Ways We Steal From People

1. Adultery – robs the marriage covenant of the sacred _____ made between husband and wife.
2. Stealing someone's _____.
3. Kidnapping and _____ (Exodus 21:16).
4. _____ – take of someone's property without permission.
5. _____.
6. Robbery – taking of property through force or the threat of _____.
7. Burglary – involves _____ into a structure to commit a crime.
8. Stealing from employers – can involve lifting office supplies for personal use, padding expense reports, taking _____ lunches, laziness, or cheating on timecards.

9. Stealing from employees – when employers don't pay a fair wage or _____ benefits from workers (James 5:4).
10. Refusing to _____ (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12).
11. False _____ and deceptive practices (Proverbs 11:1).
12. Failure to pay _____ (Psalm 37:21).
13. _____ on our taxes (Romans 13:7).
14. _____.
15. _____ downloads.
16. Malicious _____ and rumor (Proverbs 11:9).

Consequences of Stealing

1. You often lose what you _____ (Proverbs 13:11).
2. Stealing will bring _____ (Jeremiah 2:26).
3. Stealing something little can lead to _____ sins (John 12:6).

How to Avoid Stealing From God (2 Corinthians 5:10)

1. Give God your _____.
 - We make time to do what's _____ to us.
 - Are you giving focused time to God every _____?
 - Are you committed to gather _____ with God's people for praise, worship, and the preaching of the Word? (Hebrews 10:24-25).
2. Give God your _____ (Malachi 3:8).
 - The word "rob" means to "take _____."
 - To recognize God's rightful rule and omnipotent ownership of all things, His people were instructed to give _____ and offerings.
 - This word literally means "a _____," or 10%.
 - Failure to tithe properly could have included not giving at all, _____ part of it, or not giving at the proper time.
 - When we grovel about giving or withhold what is His, we are robbing God of His right to _____ us to propel His purposes in the world (vs. 10).
 - While we are no longer under the Law, tithing is a good _____ for believers.
 - The practice of tithing is a good reminder of who's in _____ of my life.
 - Principles from 1 Corinthians 16:2.
 - Giving should be _____ – believers are to give on a regular basis.
 - Giving should be _____ – it's between you and God what you give, but the Bible is clear every believer is to give.
 - Giving should be _____.
 - Giving should be _____ – we are to give according to how God has blessed us.
 - When we give, we're saying we _____ God to take care of our needs (vs. 10).
 - This is the only place in the Bible where God tells us to _____ Him.
 - To "test" means to investigate or _____ something as true.
 - Three different attitudes we can have toward our possessions.

- What's yours is mine; I'll _____ it.
 - What's mine is mine; I'll _____ it.
 - What's mine is God's; I'll _____ it.
3. Give God your _____ (Romans 12:6).
 - _____ to use what God has given to us is a form of stealing.
 4. Give God the _____ to your life.
 - One way to steal from God is by robbing Him of His _____ (Daniel 4:28-33, Acts 12:22-23, Isaiah 42:8)

Response

1. _____ (Luke 3:14).
2. _____ (Leviticus 6:4).
3. Restitution
 - The amount is often _____ what was taken (Exodus 22:1, 4, Luke 19:18).
4. Receive.
 - Receive _____ as the final payment for all your sins.