

Series: Families That Win

Title: Teach Them To Trust Me For Everything And Never Steal



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(Exodus 20:15 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/exo.20.15.AMP>

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(Exodus 20:15 NKJV)**

<https://bible.com/bible/114/exo.20.15.NKJV>

**“No stealing.”
(Exodus 20:15 MSG)**

<https://bible.com/bible/97/exo.20.15.MSG>

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Stealing (ganab) means to take and keep something that belongs to another person. William Barclay says:

*[Stealing] is a “natural” sin. It is human nature to want what we have not got; and the desire may turn to action; and, when it does, a man may steal. We do not need to argue about the rightness of this commandment. **Everyone agrees that stealing is wrong.***¹

I. The _____ of this command

- A. To protect people’s property
- B. To preserve the peace among neighbors and within society

II. The _____ of this command

All types of stealing are a sin:

A. _____ stealing

- by robbing a person, store, company, organization or bank
- by shoplifting
- by false or deceptive advertising
- by not paying fair and just wages
- by not giving a full day’s work on the job
- by arriving at work late or leaving work early without permission
- by stealing the reputation and character of another through lies, gossip, or rumors
- by taking away a person’s right to justice (Is. 10:1–3)
- by breaking the rules or cheating to win something, a game or a prize²

B. _____ stealing

- by not paying bills
 - by failing to pay debts
 - by not paying due taxes
 - by keeping an overpayment or excessive refund check, or over shipment of goods
 - by overcharging or price-gouging: charging unfair prices
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- by not paying fair and just wages
- by unjustly extending business trips at company expense
- by manipulating information or stocks for personal gain
- by abusing sick days
- by taking things from one's employer
- by making unauthorized phone calls
- by padding expense reports

C. _____ stealing

- Joy and Happiness
- Peace
- Time

D. _____ stealing

A person robs God by failing to bring the tithes and offerings to Him.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings [you have withheld]. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, this whole nation! Bring all the tithes (the tenth) into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test 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 [so great] a blessing until there is no more room to receive it. Then I will rebuke the devourer (insects, plague) for your sake and he will not destroy the fruits of the ground, nor will your vine in the field drop its grapes [before harvest],” says the Lord of hosts. “All nations shall call you happy and blessed, for you shall be a land of delight,” says the Lord of hosts.”

(Malachi 3:8-12 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mal.3.8-12.AMP>

⇒ **A person robs God by living a hypocritical, inconsistent life.** When a person professes to believe and follow God, then fails to follow through, he robs God and other men of a *godly testimony*.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.”

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1co.6.19-20.AMP>

⇒ **A person robs God by living for himself and the world, by choosing not to live for God. God is the great Creator of man; therefore, man owes his life—all he is and has—to God. When a person chooses to live like he wants, he steals his life from God.**

“Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].”

(Romans 12:1-2 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rom.12.1-2.AMP>

III. The _____ of breaking this command

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “But the righteous one will live by faith.”

(Romans 1:16-17 NASB2020)

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/rom.1.16-17.NASB2020>

“But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.”

(Hebrews 11:6 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/heb.11.6.AMP>

IV. The _____ of or for this command

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- A. Quit stealing
- B. Make an honest living
- C. Share with those in need

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

Answer Key:

- I. The purpose of this command**
- II. The prohibition of this command**
 - A. Public stealing
 - B. Private stealing
 - C. Personal stealing
 - D. Providential stealing
- III. The problem of breaking this command**
- IV. The panacea of or for this command**