

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

## Part VIII—Don't Steal!

*You must not steal.*

Exodus 20:15



**I. HOW DO WE STEAL?** Obviously, we can simply take something by stealth or force that does not belong to us, but there are also more subtle ways we need to watch for....

**1. By Deceiving** \_\_\_\_\_ --We will not be influenced when people try to **trick us** with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will **speak the truth** in love.... Ephesians 4:15

**2. By Defrauding employers/employees--**Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. <sup>6</sup> Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. <sup>7</sup> Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. <sup>8</sup> Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.<sup>9</sup> Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

Ephesians 6:5-9

**3. By Delaying Payments--** You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets...  
Deuteronomy 24:15

**4. By Defaulting on** \_\_\_\_\_ --The wicked borrow and never repay.. the godly are generous givers. Psalm 37:21

**5. By Defrauding or Deceiving the government--**pay your taxes & government fees....  
Romans 13:6

**6. By Defrauding the** \_\_\_\_\_ -- Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me!  
*But you ask, How do we rob you, God?' By withholding tithes and offerings!"* Malachi 3:8

## II. WHY SHOULD I BE HONEST?

**1. I am being** \_\_\_\_\_ **by God.** God carefully watches the goings on of all mankind, He sees them all. No darkness is thick enough to hide evil men from His eyes.  
Job 34:21-22

**2. I will Reap whatever I Sow.**

Gal. 6:7 *Don't be misled, remember .. a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows!*

Prov. 15:27 *Try to make a profit dishonestly and you'll get your family in trouble.*

Prov. 21:6 *Wealth created by a lying tongue is a vanishing mist and a deadly trap.*

