

GIVE OR TAKE

The Eighth Commandment

“You shall not steal.”

Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19; see also Exodus 22:25; Joshua 7:11-12; Proverbs 6:30; 15:3; 30:8-9; Isaiah 3:14; Jeremiah 7:9-11; Hosea 4:1-3; Amos 8:4-6; Malachi 3:8-10; Luke 3:14; 23:41-43; Romans 2:21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Hebrews 4:13; James 5:4; 1 Peter 4:15

Elements of an anti-stealing lifestyle:

1) _____.

Exodus 22:7; Leviticus 6:1-5; Luke 19:8

2) _____.

Exodus 13:5; 1 Kings 17:6; 2 Kings 4:2-7; Psalms 37:25; Matthew 6:11, 33

3) _____.

Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

4) _____.

Philippians 4:12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5

5) _____.

Luke 12:33; Acts 2:45, 47; 4:32-33; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:17-18

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. G. Campbell Morgan wrote that the eighth commandment is a matter of less importance than the first seven. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2. Read Exodus 20:15 and Romans 2:21. Are you among the 86% who claim to have never stolen anything? If not, how have you broken the eighth commandment?
3. Read Exodus 22:7, Leviticus 6:1-5 and Luke 19:8. Do you feel you need to make restitution for anything you have stolen? If so, how do you intend to do it?
4. When have you seen God fulfill the promise of Matthew 6:33 in your life?
5. Read Ephesians 4:28. What does this passage tell recovering thieves to do? How can you apply these commands to your life?