



# Do Not Steal

Respecting Personal Property Exodus 20:15

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"It's God's love and grace, not God's law, that has the power to rescue and restore you."  
 - Paul Tripp



## The Ten Commandments Review God's Original Top Ten



God gave Israel an elaborate set of laws to govern their use of the land, because the land belonged to Him and they were but stewards (Lev. 25:2, 23, 38). This fact is the basis for a sane ecology. Ephesians 4:28 teaches that there are only three ways to get wealth: work for it, have it given to you, or steal it, and stealing is wrong.

- Warren Wiersbe

## The Ten Commandments

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**STUDY VERSE SECTION** - Exodus 20:15, NASB95 - <sup>15</sup> "You shall not [translates the one Hebrew word for "no" (לא "low") an "absolute imperfect verb" denoting "a habitual action still in progress"] steal [Heb. גָּנַב (gah-KNOB) lit, to carry away without the "steward's consent"—an OT principle. גָּנַב "gah" mean "to carry away" and כְּנֹב "knob" means "steward"].

### 1. Property

**Haggai 2:8, NASB95** - <sup>8</sup> 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts.

**1 Timothy 6:7, NLT** - <sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

**Psalms 24:1, NASB95** - <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

### 2. Dishonesty

**Proverbs 10:2, NRSV** - <sup>2</sup> Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

### 3. Integrity

**Romans 13:9, NRSV** - <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Ephesians 4:28, NLT** - <sup>28</sup> If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

## Life Application Section

**A. Respect what God has given to others.** (cf., Exodus 20:15)

**B. Release back what belongs to God.** (cf., Malachi 3:8-9)

**C. Rely on what God has given to you.** (cf., Philippians 4:19; Exodus 20:12)

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