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**❖SERMON NOTES ❖**

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Sunday, June 8, 2008

**“PROSPERING WITH INTEGRITY”**

(Exodus 20:15)

Today our series on the Ten Commandments leads us to “you shall not steal.” Most people would declare their innocence on this command from God. Today we discover that God’s word reaches farther and deeper than we may have realized.

**WE MAY STEAL FROM OTHER PEOPLE**

1. We may steal \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We may steal \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We may steal in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We may steal through our \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We may steal by \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We may steal by \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We may steal from the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We may steal from the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We may steal others’ \_\_\_\_\_.

**WE MAY STEAL FROM GOD**

1. We may rob God of the \_\_\_\_\_ due Him.
2. We may rob God of His \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHY SHOULD I DO NOW?**

1. We should be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We should \_\_\_\_\_ when possible.
3. We should give God a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We should \_\_\_\_\_.

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**WE MAY STEAL FROM OTHER PEOPLE**

1. We may steal **property**.

*“The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1, NIV).*

*“The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised” (Job 1:21, NIV).*

2. We may steal **reputation**.
3. We may steal in the **workplace**.
4. We may steal through our **business dealings**.

*“You measure out grain with dishonest measures and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales” (Amos 8:5, NLT).*

5. We may steal by **delaying payments**.

*“You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning” (Leviticus 9:13, NKJV).*

**4. We may steal by defaulting on loans.**

*“The wicked borrow and do not repay” (Psalm 37:21, NIV).*

**5. We may steal from the government.**

*“This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes” (Romans 13:6-7, NIV).*

**6. We may steal from the helpless.**

*“Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless” (Isaiah 10:1-2, NIV).*

**7. We may steal others' faith.**

*“Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block” (1 Corinthians 8:9, NIV).*

**WE MAY STEAL FROM GOD**

**1. We may rob God of the worship due Him.**

*“My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers” (Matthew 21:13, NIV).*

**2. We may rob God of His tithe.**

*“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings” (Malachi 3:8, NIV).*

**WHY SHOULD I DO NOW?**

**1. We should be honest.**

*“For God watches how people live; he sees everything they do. No darkness is thick enough to hide the wicked from his eye” (Job 34:21-22, NLT).*

*“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16, NIV).*

**2. We should make restitution when possible.**

*“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount” (Luke 19:8, NIV).*

*“Salvation has come to this home today” (Luke 19:9, NIV).*

**3. We should give God a full tithe.**

**4. We should steal no more.**

*“He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need” (Ephesians 4:28, NIV).*