

# **STOP, THIEF!**

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## **The 8th Commandment**

What it says:

To steal is to take something that belongs to someone else without \_\_\_\_\_ and with the intent of depriving the owner of it.

## **Variations of Stealing**

In English, we have many \_\_\_\_\_ that refer to stealing:

Stealing may take many \_\_\_\_\_, including:

Many different kinds of things can be stolen, such as:

People can even steal from \_\_\_\_\_. Mal. 3:8, Matt. 12:17

## **The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment throughout the Bible**

- The \_\_\_\_\_—Exod. 20:15, Deut. 5:19
- Other Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_—Exod. 22:1-17, Lev. 6:2-5, 19:11,13
- Prophets: Jer. 7:9, Hos. 4:2, 7:1-2, Amos 3:10, Zech. 5:4
- Paul and other \_\_\_\_\_ writers—Rom. 13:9-10, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Eph. 4:28, 1 Pet. 4:15, Rev. 9:20-21

## **What Is Wrong with Stealing**

1. Stealing hurts and harms \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Stealing is bad for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Stealing violates the divinely sanctioned principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

# Why People Steal

## Christ's Teaching and the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ that stealing is wrong.

Christ's teaching about \_\_\_\_\_ to material possessions removes the sting and the temptation of stealing.

1. Christ taught His disciples not to place high \_\_\_\_\_ on owning things here on earth. Matt. 6:19-21

2. Detachment from material possessions makes it easier to be generous, and to part with things that are \_\_\_\_\_ from us. Matt. 5:40-42

3. God promises to provide the things we need to live when we put Him \_\_\_\_\_. We don't need to fret when someone steals from us, or be tempted to steal when we are in desperate need. Matt. 5:31-33

## Conclusion and Challenge

- \_\_\_\_\_ things matter. Luke 16:10
- When in doubt about taking something, ask \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't steal from \_\_\_\_\_.

### Truths to Take with You

- Stealing is hurtful and sinful.
- You don't need to steal because God can be trusted to provide all that you need.

### Challenge

- Never steal.
- If you steal, stop!
- Make restitution if you have stolen.
- Trust God to provide what you need.