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Do not Steal: Principle of Trust

2 Cor. 3:3: “You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

Ex. 20:15 “Do not steal.”

- Stealing is when I take something that is not mine.

Stop:

- **Ephesians 4:28a:** “Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer...”
- **Joshua 6:19** (NIV): All silver and gold, along with bronze and iron equipment, are holy to the Lord. They must go into the Lord’s treasury.”
 - Stealing is a declaration that we don’t **trust** God to provide for us.
- **Joshua 7:11** (NIV) Israel has sinned. They have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the things reserved for me and put them with their own things. They have stolen and kept it a secret.
 - Stealth- stealing often involves deception.

Start:

- **Ephesians 4:28b** (NIV): “but must work, doing something useful with their own hands...”
- **Genesis 2:15** (MSG): God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

“Seek to put more into life than you take out of it.” Dr. Jim Bradford

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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Share:

- **Ephesians 4:28c(NIV):** “...that they may have something to share with those in need.”
- **Malachi 3:8 (AMP):** “Will a person rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings [you have withheld].”
 - Stealing is when I keep what isn’t mine.