

What is stealing?

1) Theft, robbery & shoplifting

2) Fraud and deception

Leviticus 19:35-36 – “You must not be unfair in measurements of length, weight, or volume. 36 You are to have honest balances, honest weights, an honest dry measure, and an honest liquid measure;

*Proverbs 16:11 – Honest balances and scales are the Lord’s;
all the weights in the bag are His concern.*

3) Taking advantage of people

Exodus 22:25 – If you lend money to My people, to the poor person among you, you must not be like a moneylender to him; you must not charge him interest.

4) Not paying what you owe

James 5:1-4 – Come now, you rich people! Weep and wail over the miseries that are coming on you. [...] 4 Look! The pay that you withheld from the workers who reaped your fields cries out, and the outcry of the harvesters has reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts.

5) Not paying your taxes

Romans 13:6-8 – And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God’s public servants, continually attending to these tasks. 7 Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor. Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another...

6) Modern stealing – piracy

7) Sponging

2 Thessalonians 3:10 – In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: “If anyone isn’t willing to work, he should not eat.”

Ephesians 4:28 – The thief must no longer steal. Instead, he must do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need.

8) Stealing from God

Malachi 3:8 – “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me!”

*You ask: “How do we rob You?”
“By not making the payments of the tenth and the contributions.”*

Where does Jesus take this principle?

Matthew 6:19-21 – Don’t collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Two principles to remember

1) Remember that other people’s property is not yours

2) Remember that your property is not yours!

Next weekend:
9th commandment
Exodus 20:1-17

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