

SERIES: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS 10.02.22
#8 – “Don’t Take Anything That Is Not Yours”
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A DIVINE REMINDER

EXODUS 20:2. *“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”*

COMMANDMENT #8

EXODUS 20:15; DEUTERONOMY 5:19. *“You must not steal.”*

STEAL:

- Taking something that does not belong to you
- From the Hebrew word “*ganaf*” and it means literally “to carry something away”
- In the ancient world, theft was _____ to define
- In our modern world, theft is much more _____
- Like each of the other Ten Commandments, this one looks simple, but it’s like the little stray thread on your jacket that when you start to pull it, it just keeps going and going
- In their broader, fuller, and truest sense, all of the Ten Commandments are rooted in foundational truths that create all kinds of implications for how we live, and *by that* they envision the best possibilities for humanity, and *by that* they display the wisdom of God
- God is wise in how He tells us to live, and that’s especially the case in the eighth commandment

COMMANDMENT #8 CALLS US TO EXAMINE...

- Our _____ to goods and wealth
- Our _____ in that relationship to be just and generous

EPHESIANS 4:28. *“If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.”*

THREE INSIGHTS FROM COMMANDMENT #8

1. Don’t _____ what isn’t yours

EXODUS 22:3. *“A thief who is caught must pay in full for everything he stole. If he cannot pay, he must be sold as a slave to pay for his theft.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 4:7. *“What do you have that God hasn’t given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?”*

2. Live in _____ and _____

PSALM 25:21. *“May integrity and honesty protect me, for I put my hope in you.”*

GALATIANS 6:10. *“Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”*

LEVITICUS 19:13. *“Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.”*

PROVERBS 19:1 *“Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and a fool.”*

3. Pursue a life of _____ and _____

HEBREWS 13:5. *“Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have.”*

PHILIPPIANS 4:11. *“I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7. *“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’”*