

Commandment #8 – “*Don’t steal!*”  
**Exodus 20:15**

**INTRODUCTION:** We “*steal*” all the time ... we just don’t ADMIT it, or REALIZE it.

- GOD puts the death penalty on the 1<sup>st</sup> 7 Commandments ... WE put a greater emphasis on the last 3 Commandments.
- All 10 Commandments deal with “*stealing*” in 1 form or another.
  - If you’ve broken ANY of the Commandments, you’ve broken this one.
- When we steal from someone, we steal from God, because everything belongs to Him – James 1:17
- It’s OK to possess stuff, but don’t let stuff possess you – Luke 12:15

Why does God allow us to have stuff? **Ephesians 4:28**

2 ways to break this Commandment:

**1.- MATERIALLY**

- #1 – **THEFT** – Stealing!
- #2 – **“Borrowing THEFT**
- #3 – **“My Lucky Day” THEFT**
- #4 – **“They Owe Me” THEFT**
- #5 – **“Unearned” THEFT**
- #6 – **“Business” THEFT**
- #7 – **“There’s More To The Story” THEFT**
- #8 – **“Debt” THEFT**

**2 – MORALLY**

- #1 – GOSSIP – Stealing someone’s good name.
- #2 – LACK OF INTEGRITY – Stealing your own testimony.
- #3 – UNKIND ACTIONS – Stealing someone’s joy.
- #4 – UNCONCERN – Robbing people of the opportunity to trust Christ ... or see Christ at work in your life.
- #5 – DISOBEDIENCE – Robbing God – Malachi 3:8  
God is our provider ... stealing shows a lack of trust in God.

**CONCLUSION:** Don’t steal “thanksgiving” from God!