

X COMMANDMENTS

**DO NOT
STEAL**

GROW GUIDE

*You radically love God
by not stealing!*

DEFINE STEALING

Simple Definition: Stealing is taking anything God did not give you.

- Stealing is a **sin** – original sin (Genesis 3:6)
- **Satan** is a **thief** (John 10:10)
- The enemy steals; God's people **steward**.
- Stealing begins with **the heart** – its a heart issue before a hand issue (Mark 7:21-23)
- Stealing reflects a **deeper spiritual problem** including covetousness, lack of trust, and rebellion
- God **sees** what you steal (Luke 12:2)
- **Slavery** was a form of stealing (Genesis 37:26-28)
- In the Old Testament, "thieves" were put to **death** (Exodus 21:16)
- Jesus **warned** of stealing (Matthew 19:18)
- Thieves will **not inherit** the Kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

When you steal, you damage relationships with people and God.

The Bible's Primary Categories of Stealing

- Stealing property (Exodus 22:1-4)
- Stealing reputation and integrity—false accusations, slander, gossip (Exodus 23:1)
- Stealing from God (Joshua 7:1)

Stealing from God: **The Tithe**

- The tithe is holy (Leviticus 27:30)
- Tithes and offerings are worship (1 Chronicles 16:29)
- The tithe honors God (Proverbs 3:9-10, Exodus 22:29)
- The tithe goes to the church (Malachi 3:10)

2 Reasons the Tithe is **NOT Abolished** by the New Covenant

1. Tithing began before the law (Genesis 14:18-21)
2. Jesus endorsed tithing in the New Testament (Matthew 23:23)

You can't say you radically love God when you don't love to give to God!

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR **YOURSELF:**

- Am I stealing from God?
- Are there any areas of my life that I don't fully trust God in?
- Do I see any areas of covetousness, lack of trust, or rebellion in my heart?

QUESTIONS FOR **GOD:**

- Does my giving please You?
- Do I have a heart issue of stealing?
- What have You entrusted to me to steward? What are You not asking me to steward in this season?

QUESTIONS FOR **OTHERS:**

- What does it look like to trust God in every area of life?
- Have I broken trust or damaged my relationship with you?
- What does radically loving God by giving look like to you?

STEWARDED THE 8TH COMMANDMENT:

- **Pray** the Prayer of Radical Love daily.
- **Repent** to God and others for stealing property, reputation, or integrity.
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit for a heart of generosity.
- **Watch** Pastor's Jasmine's message "X Commandments: No False Witnesses"
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to help you build a budget if you are honoring the tithe.

PRAYER OF RADICAL LOVE.

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