

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



TEN COMMANDMENTS #8

PASTORAL NOTE: These next few studies are difficult because they deal with specific sins that are real and prevalent in our world today. God hates sin, but He loves **ALL** sinners. As with other studies in this series, it is our desire to look at the bigger picture as we take these commandments seriously. The goal is to draw us closer to Jesus Christ in both relationship and holiness through discipleship.

1. Write down as many of the Ten Commandments as you can, in numerical order.
2. Read Exodus 20:15 "You shall not steal."
3. What is Stealing?
How do you define it?
Is stealing a crime, a sin, or both? Why?
Is there any difference between the laws of God and the laws of man?
Which are more important and why?
Is there a root cause behind stealing? If so, what would it be?
Is stealing ever justified? When and why if so?
Is stealing a form of dishonesty?
Are there degrees of stealing in man's laws?
What about God's laws?
Do today's concepts of "situational ethics," "moral relativism," or "secular humanism" justify stealing?
4. Look at a few Scriptural examples of stealing and dishonesty:
Rachel - Gen 31:19-35
Achan - Joshua 7:11
Micah - Judges 17:2
Ahab - 1 Kings 21
Judas - John 12:6
Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5:1-11
5. How do you feel about the stealing and looting that has been going on around the country recently?
What do you teach your children/grandchildren about stealing?

6. What does stealing reveal about a person's heart?
What can be done to heal a dishonest heart?
How would you share that truth with today's biker?

PRAY: Ask god to give you a pure heart, a clean mind, an honest reputation and a Christian worldview in all your thoughts, actions, and relationships.