

# Crime and the Gospel

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 106*

*Ephesians 4:28*

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<sup>20</sup> But as for you, you did not learn Christ like that, <sup>21</sup> assuming that *it is* Him you heard, and *it is* in Him you were taught, since truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> for you to take off, with respect to *your* former behavior, the old man, who was being corrupted in accord with desires *coming* from deceit, <sup>23</sup> and to be made new in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new man, who was created in accord with God, in righteousness and piety *coming* from the truth.

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore, having taken off falsehood, “speak truth, each with his neighbor,” because we are members of one another.

<sup>26</sup> “Be angry, and do not sin”; let not the sun set upon your angry mood, <sup>27</sup> nor give room for the Devil.

<sup>28</sup> He who steals, let him steal no more, but instead let him labor, working with his own hands what is good, that he might have *something* to impart to the one having need.

*[Ephesians 4:20-28 DJP]*

## Introduction:

### I. V\_\_\_\_\_E\_\_\_\_\_ed: *Stealing* (“He who steals, let him steal no more”)

#### A. Theft and the Bible

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of theft

Exodus 20:15

Exodus 20:17

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ing of theft

Exodus 22:1-4

#### B. Theft and the Gospel

1. The Gospel’s \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

2. The Gospel's \_\_\_\_\_

**II. V\_\_\_\_\_E\_\_\_\_\_ed: *Laboring*** (“but instead let him labor, working with his own hands what is good”)

**A. *Let Him Labor***

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

**B. *Working With His Own Hands***

**C. *What Is Good***

**III. V\_\_\_\_\_E\_\_\_\_\_ed: *Imparting***

**A. *The Thief's Mindset***

**B. *The \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset***