

Ten Commandments (Part 56)
(The 8th Commandment – Part 1)

Exodus 20:15: “*You shall not steal.*”

Introduction

-steal (גָּנַב, *ganab*): to take something that doesn't belong to you; appropriating someone else's property unlawfully

-Stealing isn't loving (Matt. 7:12); is self-destructive; is wrong in light of divine providence (James 1:17; Deut. 8:18); is failure to trust God (Ps. 78:19); is failure to be content with what God has provided (Heb. 13:5); interferes with God's provision for others

I. What the 8th Commandment Forbids

-Stealing from God: failure to give Him due worship (Rev. 1:10); offerings (Mal. 3:8); support gospel ministers (Gal. 6:6); time, talents, love, service, obedience, glory (1 Cor. 10:31)

-Stealing from Others:

- Residential Theft
- Legal Theft
- Legalized Theft
- Insurance Fraud
- Political/Civil Theft
- Commercial Theft
- Employee Theft
- Employer Theft
- Other Types of Theft: kidnapping (Ex. 21:16; Deut. 24:7; 1 Tim. 1:9, 10); manipulation (Gen. 31:20, 26; 2 Sam. 15:6)

Practical Lessons

1) The Bible doesn't prohibit the ownership of property.

2) The Bible prohibits all forms of stealing.