

The 10 Commandments

7TH – STEALING!! (don't do it, fo reelz!!)

Confirmation - Lesson B16

Memory Verse- *'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in _____, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's _____ abide in him?' 1 John 3:17*

7th Commandment - *'You shall not _____.'* Exodus 20:15

- _____ - to take _____ of something/someone or receive benefit, from someone _____, without permission, authority, or without earning it.
 - Each commandment has a negative and positive side. Don't steal is the _____ and helping those in need is the _____.
- The Commandments were given in the context of the Israelites just getting out of 400 years of _____ & moving into _____ in the Promised Land.
 - **Exodus 12:35-36** - God made the _____ favorably disposed to the Israelites and they gave them silver, gold, and clothing.
 - **Deuteronomy 8:17-18** - *'Beware lest you say in your heart, '____ power and the might of ____ hand have gotten ____ this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is ____ who gives you power to get wealth.'*
- Stealing is birthed out of _____ our actions---inequity, scarcity/fear, lack of identity, a covetous heart, lacking honor for people (God), selfishness, and laziness.
 - Our sin not only affects us, but has _____ to those around us.
- Stealing also applies to anything we obtained dishonestly, including _____, or taking value from someone else, _____.

The positive side of this Commandment is being a _____ as God is generous!

- **Ephesians 4:28** - *Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him _____, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to _____ with anyone in need.*
- We are called to help our _____ and _____ their possessions and income.
 - **1 John 3:17** - *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in _____, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's _____ abide in him?*
- God set boundaries to help those in _____ as the basic rules of society, but never wants us to _____ poverty or laziness!
 - **Philippians 2:4** - *'Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.'*
- We are also generous towards _____ through giving and supporting ministry!
 - **Malachi 3:8** - *'Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your _____ and contributions.'*
- We are called to receive the _____ of God and a changed _____ towards those around us and their possessions!
 - **Matthew 15:19** - *'For out of the _____ come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.'*

Main Point: We _____ God and people around us by not stealing and seek to improve the well-being of our neighbors!

Reflection Time

Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:

1) What is something new that I learned about the 7th Commandment?

2) What are things that I have 'stolen' and not realized it?

3) **1 John 3:17** says, *'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? How can I be more aware of those in need?*

4) Are there limitations to how much we should help people in need?

5) Do you tithe? Do your parents? Why or why not?

Family Time

Don't Steal- B16

Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

Memory Verse- *'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?'* 1 John 3:17

1) **Ask your parent(s):** Did they ever steal anything as a kid (they probably did)? What was it, why'd they do it and what happened after?

2) **Ask your parent(s):** Have they ever had anything stolen from them? How'd they feel and what did they do?

3) Open your Catechism to question #79 and read the descriptions *not taking God's earthly gifts* from our neighbors. Using that sentence (and your notes), what are 3 other ways we could 'steal' from people, where we aren't actually taking a physical possession:

1 - _____

2 - _____

3 - _____

4) Read the Memory Verse together, at the top of the page, and **discuss the meaning**. God desires us to better our neighbors that we encounter and not just refrain from stealing from them in the 7th Commandment. (**See second half of Catechism #79**). **How can we do that?**

5) Are there limitations to whom we should help or how much we should help? Is there a point when we actually hurt the person in need?

6) With the 10 Commandments, we've always tried to go back to a change of heart, not just modifying behavior. What are 2 ways we can change our heart and become more compassionate to those around us?

1 - _____

2 - _____

7) **Read Malachi 3:8-10 together.** Ask your parents---what do they think about tithing? Do they do it? Why or why not?

8) Pray together as a family---pray for a changed heart! Pray that we can have integrity and honesty in all your actions! Pray that you will have compassion for those in need and be used by God!

Your Name: _____
(please print your name so we can read it)

Parent Signature: _____