Glenwood Baptist Church

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The Ten Commandments for Today

The Eighth Commandment • Exodus 20:15 **Stop, Thief!**

Are You "On the Take"?

God demands 100% honesty 100% of the time; anything less is stealing!

What's Wrong with Stealing?

1. Stealing Is A Violation Of God's AUTHORITY!

"You shall not steal"

Stealing is unlawfully <u>TAKING</u> something that doesn't belong to you.

2. Stealing Is An Assault On Human <u>DIGNITY!</u>

The Eighth Commandment...

Protects the right of personal PROPERTY, and thus recognizes human dignity.

3. Stealing Is A Rejection Of My STEWARDSHIP!

The Eighth Commandment...

Isn't just about protecting the right of ownership; it's also about promoting the responsibility of <u>STEWARDSHIP</u>.

Every Theft...

Is a failure to TRUST in God's provision.

The High Price of Stealing:

Stealing is COSTLY, just ask Achan and his family. Joshua 6:17-19; 7:1-26

Steps to a Life of Integrity:

- > Stop STEALING and make restitution when possible. Luke 19:8
- Start WORKING for an honest living. Ephesians 4:28
- Start GIVING to God and others. Malachi 3:8-10
- > Start TRUSTING God and be content with His provision. *Matthew 6:25-33 Hebrews 13:5*

Can a Thief Be Redeemed?

Yes, Jesus died on the Cross between two thieves so that every <u>THIEF</u> who trusts in Him will be saved!

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43