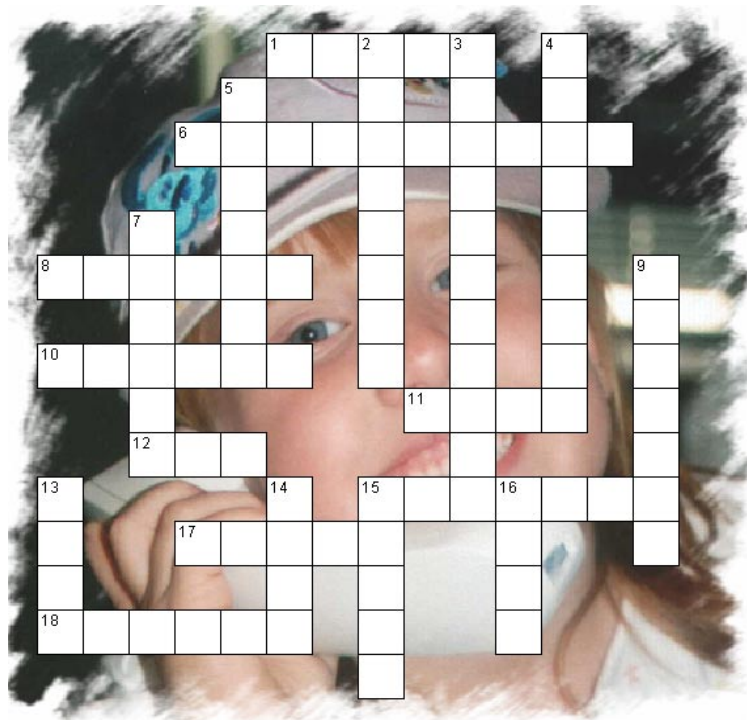


# Crossword Puzzle

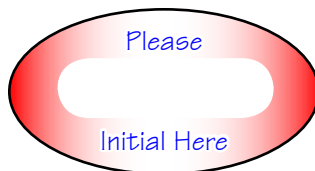


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| 1. It should not be up to the item's _____ to request its return.         | 2. We should love our _____ as ourselves.                              |
| 6. ...without their knowledge or _____                                    | 3. _____ includes two things...  |
| 8. ...to be treated with the _____ respect.                               | 4. ...without their _____ or permission.                               |
| 10. Another way we may be _____   | 5. He wants people... to be treated with the proper _____.             |
| 11. ...double or even _____-fold.   | 7. ... our God is very _____ and fair.                                 |
| 12. _____ desires that we love one another and treat each other...        | 9. ...our conscience will _____, because that is stealing.             |
| 15. Firstly, we must _____ our sin...                                     | 13. ...double or even five-_____.                                      |
| 17. It does not matter how _____ the item may be - a pencil, a sticker... | 14. Stealing does not mean only to _____ money from others...          |
| 18. Sometimes the amount is greater - _____ or even five-fold.            | 15. ...so that the owner might be able to _____ it when he realizes... |
|   | 16. If we cannot _____ the owner...                                    |

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## The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Seventeen -

### The Eighth Commandment (2) You Shall Not Steal

#### I. Overview.

Stealing is to take something that belongs to someone else without their knowledge or their permission. This even includes borrowing something and not returning it or repaying.



We should never take anything that does not belong to us.

Any time we have been guilty of stealing something, we must clear the matter up. We can clear it up by firstly confessing our sin and secondly by repaying or restoring what we have taken.

Stealing breaks a basic law of God. God wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We should always treat others in the way that we desire to be treated. People own things because they either worked for them or received them as a gift. We should always respect the property of other people and never steal. It does not matter how large or small the item is, to take something that does not belong to us is to steal.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**"[He] must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, add one fifth to it and give it all to the person he has wronged."** (NIV)

(Num. 5:7)

### III. Lesson.

Stealing does not only mean to take money from others, nor does it only mean to take something costly. Stealing means taking anything that does not belong to us from another person without their knowledge or permission. It does not matter how small the item may be – a pencil, a sticker, even the smallest of things. If we intentionally take something that does not belong to us, our conscience will protest, because that is stealing.



Restitution includes confession of sin and restoring what was taken.

#### **Borrowing and Not Returning is Stealing**

Sometimes we steal unintentionally. When we borrow something and forget or neglect to return it. This also is stealing. Returning items is the responsibility of the one who borrows. It should not be up to the item's owner to request its return. Even if the one we borrowed the item from forgets about it, we should still remember to return the item. If we do not, it's just the same as if we intentionally stole it.

Another way we may be guilty of stealing is to keep things that we have found. Every lost thing has an owner. If we find something, we should always do our best to look for its owner. If we cannot find the owner, we should turn the item in to the proper authority, so that the owner might be able to claim it when he realizes that it is missing.

#### **Stealing Requires Restitution**

When something has been stolen, the situation requires restitu-

tion. Restitution includes two things. Firstly, we must confess our sin to the Lord and to the one whom we have wronged. We also must return the stolen item to its owner. In the Old Testament, God required a person to repay at least one-fifth more than what was stolen. Sometimes the amount is greater – double or even five-fold.

God desires that we love one another and treat each other the way we would like to be treated. Although God is not happy when we steal, He is happy when we confess and make restitution. We can see by this eighth commandment that our God is very loving and fair. He wants people to have the things that belong to them and to be treated with the proper respect.

#### **--- Questions for Discussion ---**

1. Is borrowing and not returning the same as stealing?  
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2. What are the two things that are included in making restitution?  
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3. What should we do if we find something?  
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4. What if the person we borrowed from forgets it?  
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