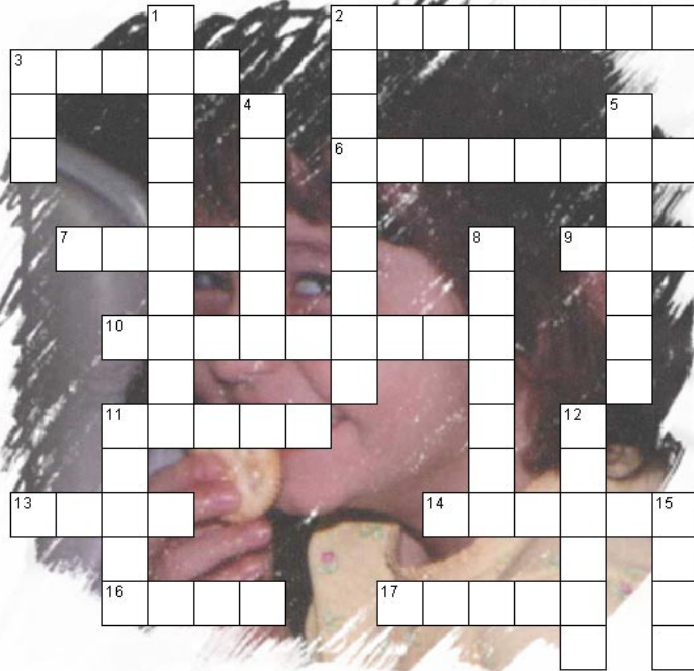


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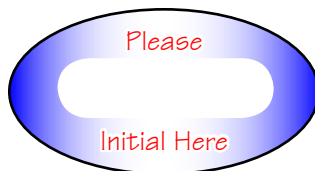


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| 2. ...must respect the _____ of others.                                     | 1. Greed can lead to _____ and stealing.                 |
| 3. Stealing comes from laziness and _____.                                  | 2. Work... _____ him from sin.                           |
| 6. God _____ all of man's need...   | 3. _____ gave the eighth commandment...                  |
| 7. ...in order to _____ them that they must respect the property of others. | 4. The _____ commandment.                                |
| 9. ...preserves him from _____.   | 5. God _____ His people to work...                       |
| 10. God is _____. He is also love.  | 8. ...must _____ the property of others.                 |
| 11. We _____ and appreciate the things...                                   | 11. ...rich produce of the _____.                        |
| 13. God desires His people to _____.  | 12. ...the earth no longer brought forth fruit so _____. |
| 14. ...must respect the property of _____.                                  | 15. God cursed the ground for man's _____.               |
| 16. _____ work is actually a salvation...                                   |  |
| 17. You shall not _____.  |  |

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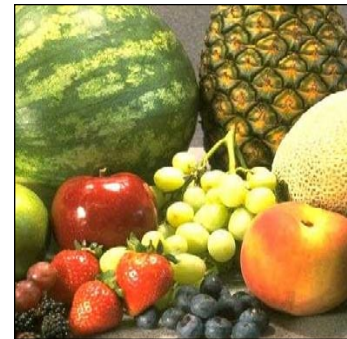
## The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Sixteen -

### *The Eighth Commandment (1)* *You Shall Not Steal*

#### I. Overview.

**T**he eighth commandment tells us that we should not steal. To steal is to take something that does not belong to us. Stealing comes from laziness and greed in our heart. A greedy heart is a heart that is not satisfied with what it has. It is also a deceived heart – believing that it will be satisfied by having things. But man can never be made happy simply by having things. We only think that we can. But no matter how many things we have, they do not bring us true and lasting happiness.



God wants us to be content  
with the things that we have.

When our heart is greedy we can be tempted to take something that belongs to another. The thing that we want might belong to another person, to a school or even to a store. If we give in to the temptation and take something that does not belong to us, that is stealing. God does not want our hearts filled with greed. Rather He desires our hearts to be filled with contentment, love and thanksgiving.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“You shall not steal.”**

(Exo. 20:15)

### III. Lesson.

God gave the eighth commandment to His people in order to teach them that they must respect the property of others. If we do not respect the property of others, we are also not respecting the people themselves. God is righteous and He is also love. If we do not respect the property that belongs to others, we not only sin because we are unrighteous, but we also sin because we are failing to love our neighbor.

#### Two Causes for Stealing

There are two causes for stealing. The first cause is laziness. Before man sinned and fell, he freely gathered all of his needs from the earth. God supplied all of man's needs by the rich produce of the earth. But after man fell, God cursed the ground for man's sake, and the earth no longer brought forth food so freely. After that time, man had to work hard to get the earth to bring forth food. Hard work is actually a salvation to man, for without work, man tends to live in sin.

Some people are lazy and do not want to work hard enough to support themselves. They would rather take the easy way – to steal from others. If a person works hard he will have enough



**It is good for man to work hard for the things that he has.**

money to buy the food he needs. We enjoy and appreciate the things that we work for. It makes us feel good inside when we pay the price.

The other cause of stealing is greed in our heart. When we desire something that we don't need or we covet something that belongs to someone else, this is greed. Greed can lead to temptation and stealing.

### God's Desire

God desires His people to work for their food and for the things that they need. We should not be lazy. Work is good for man and preserves him from sin. We should be also be content and satisfied with the things that we have and not be greedy to have more.

We should also be thankful for the things that God has given us. Furthermore, as God's love fills our heart, not only will we be satisfied and thankful with what we have, we will also care about other people and share things with them. The Bible tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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

1. What does it mean to steal?  
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2. What are the two causes for stealing that are listed in this lesson?  
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3. Why does man need to work hard for what he has?  
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4. What does God desire for His people?  
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