THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

Exodus 20:15

Intro: We are all guilty.

I. Categories to Note

- 1. Ordinary theft.
- 2. Employee theft.
- 3. Fraud. Prov. 20:23
- 4. Failure to pay off debts. Rom. 13:8
- 5. Robbers of time.
- 6. Theft of reputation. Prov. 11:19
- 7. Taking of <u>life</u>. Ex. 20:13

Cf. Eph. 4:28, Prov. 10:2, I Tim. 6:10, Ps. 62:10, Jer. 7:9-11, Mt. 21:12-13

II. Underlying Problems

- 1. Greed. I Tim. 6:10
- 2. Insult to God's <u>provision</u> & <u>generosity</u>.

 Mt. 6:30

3. We know better than God as far as what we need.

III. Steps to Take Today.

- 1. Be honest. Prov. 2:20-21
- 2. Confess & repent. Lk. 13:3, I Jn. 1:9
- 3. Make restitution. Luke 19:8
- 4. Begin with God. Malachi 3:8-10
- 5. Remember what happened on the <u>cross</u>.

Cf. Mt. 27:38, Is. 53:12, Lk. 23:39-43, I Cor. 6:9-11

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