

## WRITTEN IN STONE

# WHAT'S YOURS IS MINE

Exodus 20:15      Jeff Schreve

*"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15*

**Are you obeying the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment?**

**1. We steal by committing the crime of robbery.**

*The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice. Ezekiel 22:29*

**2. We steal by failing to give an honest day's work.**

*Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. Colossians 3:22-24*

**3. We steal by cheating people in business.**

*Differing weights and differing measures, Both of them are abominable to the LORD. Proverbs 20:10*

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- God commands us to pay the people we owe.

*Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. James 5:4*

#### 4. We steal by withholding marital love.

*Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time*

*that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5*

**5. We steal by failing to honor God with our wealth.**

*Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! Malachi 3:7-9*

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others." Matthew 23:23*

**What is the answer to our stealing problem?**

*Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need. Ephesians 4:28*

- 1. We can choose to walk in integrity.**
- 2. We can choose to embrace industry.**
- 3. We can choose to practice generosity.**

**Will you make the decision today to honor the Lord?**