

"8th Commandment: Do Not Steal" **Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28**

I. PRECEPT: "You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15; 22:1-5, 14)

A. Examined: "not steal" (Ex. 20:15)

1. Definition: "take by stealth"
2. Deception: "double trouble"

B. Explained: "shall make restitution" (Ex. 22:1-5, 14)

1. Slaughters/Sells: "If a man steals...he shall pay" (v.1)
2. Slain: "If the thief...dies...no bloodguiltiness" (v.2)
3. Survives: "He shall...make restitution...be sold" (v.3)
4. Safe: "found alive in his possession...shall pay double" (v.4)
5. Slack: "lets his animal loose...shall make restitution" (v.5)
6. Spoiled: "if a man borrows...injured or dies...full restitution" (v.14)

II. POINT: "steal no longer" (Eph. 4:28)

A. Requirement: "Let him who steals steal no longer" (v.28a)

1. Custom: "him who steals"
2. Command: "steal no longer"

B. Restitution: "but rather let him labor...with his own hands" (v.28b)

1. Command: "let him labor"
2. Correction: "performing...what is good"

C. Reason: "to share...with him who has need" (v.28c)

1. Abundance: "have something to share"
2. Allocation: "share with him who has need"