

Because I Said So

"It's Not Yours"

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Rule #8

Exodus 20¹⁵ You must not steal.

What can I steal?

- Personal Property
- Physical Gifts
- Time
- Emotional Control

But I want it

Joshua 6:15-19, 7:1-26 (p. 132-133 in SCC-provided Bibles)

By Stealing, I show...

- A Lack of Respect
 - For God
 - For others
 - For myself
- A Lack of Perspective
- I don't understand the Impact it has
 - My Country
 - My Family
 - Myself

Reality Behind the Rule

2 Corinthians 9:7-10 (page 697-698 in SCC-provided Bibles)

- God promises to meet our needs
- God desires us to give freely
- God commands us to take care of others

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Questions

1. Have you ever been guilty of stealing?
2. Do you think it is ever okay to steal? Which is worse: to steal from a person or a store?
3. Does the world have a different view on whether it is ok to steal? What is some of the reasoning behind it?
4. What are some ways you may have been stealing and not thought of it that way?
5. What can you do to remind yourself not to do those things?

Scripture

Read: Read Philippians 4:19, Romans 12:10

- What does it say to God when we choose stealing over his promise?
- What does Romans 12:10 mean by "honoring each other"?
- Is there a way to steal from someone and love them with "genuine affection"?

Application

- Where do I struggle with stealing: personal property, physical gifts, time, emotional control?
- How can I get help with that?

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study