

“YOU SHALL NOT STEAL” Exodus 20:15

Big Idea: *We distort the image of God when we take or keep what does not belong to us.*

1. Instead of _____ from others, _____ unto the Lord.

Genesis 2:15 “Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”

Proverbs 30:8-9 “Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion, That I not be full and deny You and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.”

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.”

2. Instead of _____ for yourself, _____ in eternity.

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Acts 20:35 “In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

3. Instead of _____ out of duty, _____ in generosity.

Romans 5:6, 8 “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. . . But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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