

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Hands off what's not yours

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:15

'...when you take that which has not been stewarded to you... we call that stealing...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

How is theft occurring every time you/someone takes something that is not your stewardship?

How is stealing an offence directly to God?

How is the Bible teaching generosity and good stewardship while NOT espousing a view of equality or redistribution of wealth or sharing?

What is the biggest lesson you need to learn about living your life as a steward?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Do you concern yourself with the tarnish of God's glory when stealing occurs?

What are some of the more subtle ways you may be guilty of stealing?

As a Christian do you need to change your thinking from falling on the side of maybe it's okay rather than maybe I shouldn't when it is a grey area? What about software pirating, failure to declare purchases at the border, tax evasion; what areas of your life may need to be reevaluated?

Are you living within your stewardship as God has established for you?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

Why is theft, rightly understood, not limited to the taking of physical stuff?

How does a culture around us of entitlement lend itself to an excusal of dishonesty and theft which is not biblical?

How does theft lead inextricably to dishonesty and deception?

Have you considered the application of this law to your business relationships, your payment of taxes, your offerings to God?

How many occupations exist today solely because of the breaking of this eighth commandment? What does that tell you about its importance for us and how best to live?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What will you do with the stewardship that has been given to you?