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<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.”

## **Focal Truth:**

You shall not steal from your neighbor.

# 1. The thief is a taker.

- The taker is controlled by desires to take from others. – Gen. 3:6, Matt. 15:19
- The taker uses deception to take from others. – Gen. 31:19, 34-35; Lev. 19:11
- The taker delights in the act of taking from others. – Josh 7:1,21, John 12:6

## 2. What does a taker take?

- They steal possessions.
- They steal from employers and employees. – Pr. 11:1, Tit. 2: 9-10, James 5:4
- They cheat on their taxes and they steal from the citizens. – Rom. 13:7
- They do not repay their debts. - Ps. 37:21
- They commit adultery.
- They rob God. – Mal. 3: 8-9

### 3. The taker can become a giver.

Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord,  
“Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will  
give to the poor, and if I have defrauded  
anyone of anything, I will give back four times  
as much.” Luke 19:8

He who steals must steal no longer; but  
rather he must labor, performing with his own  
hands what is good, so that he will have  
something to share with one who has need.  
Eph. 4:28

# Daily Use:

- Are you a thief? God will judge all thieves.  
– 1 Cor. 6:10
- Repent of stealing and restore what you have stolen from others. – Lev. 6:4
- Kill the sin of stealing by the help of the Holy Spirit.
- Have you robbed God? Repent and return to God what belongs to Him.

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