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Series

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Today's Message

You Shall Not Steal

Today's Main Scripture

Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30 Exodus 20:15; Exodus 22; Jeremiah 23; John 12; Matthew 21; Luke 20-21

Main Point

Having entered the eighth commandment, we discover that stealing is far more than taking physical objects. Scripture reveals God's concern for honesty, restitution, and the protection of neighbor, exposing the intentions of the heart as the true measure of obedience.

Important Distinctions: What Scripture Calls "Stealing"

The Heart Behind Theft: Negligence, Dishonesty, and Withholding

Biblical Examples and New Testament Warnings

Notes:

Self Reflection:

1. In what ways does the eighth commandment shape life in the community of God? Beyond taking objects, how does integrity protect relationships, trust, and witness?
2. Which attributes of God are displayed through this command: justice, holiness, truthfulness, generosity? Which attribute challenges you most personally?
3. Are there areas where you've justified small forms of theft or withholding? Do you see opportunities for confession, restitution, or forgiveness as you examine your heart?

Further Study

Exodus 22:1 – 15; Leviticus 19:11 – 13; Jeremiah 23:30 – 32; John 12:1 – 6; Matthew 21:12 – 13; Luke 20:45 – 21:4; Ephesians 4:28

