

Thou Shalt Not Steal

- Thou shalt not steal is essentially a statement about _____.
- **“One cannot serve two masters, Jesus said. Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”** Luke 16:13

Honoring Property

- “Whoever can be trusted with very _____ can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with ____.”¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”
- It usually starts with something _____ and grows into something big.
- “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.” But the person who steals and is not trusting God, prays, “____ kingdom come, ____ will be done. It turns to my neighbor and demands, ‘Give me this day ____ daily bread.’”
- So, what is it going to take to not steal and fulfill what God has said to us?

Learning Contentment

- **“For I have _____ to be content whatever the circumstances.”¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”** Eph. 4:11-13

- Stealing sends the message that I need something that God hasn’t provided. Again, a statement that I _____ what God has provided.

Givers vs. Takers

- **“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”** Eph. 4:28
- “We are duty bound, Wilkins says, to labor for the provision and well-being of others. When we understand ourselves to be stewards of God’s resources rather than owners, we _____ to think differently about earthly treasures.”
- Learning contentment begins with recognizing that
 1. Everything in the heavens and the earth is God’s.
 2. To be faithful with the small stuff in our lives, remembering that it’s all small stuff.
 3. Work with our hands to provide something to share with those in need.
 4. Learn to become a giver vs. a taker
- **GOD IS ENOUGH!!!**

How will you respond to God’s word today?

Reflection Questions

1. What acknowledgment do you need to declare about how you are stealing? Material possessions, information, time, etc?
2. What is one step you can make today to trust God?
3. If contentment is learned, what do you need to consider to start learning contentment?
4. Is God enough for you?
5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?