



WEEK #8 DO NOT STEAL/DO NOT LIE

"You must not steal. ¹⁶ You must not testify falsely against your neighbor."

Exodus 20:15-16 (NLT)

Why do we steal?

- _____, _____, _____.

Why do we lie?

- To avoid _____, escape _____, conceal _____, create an _____.

At the core of these issues is security and significance.

- Security asks, "_____ enough?"
- Significance asks, "_____ enough?"

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1 (NIV)

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Galatians 4:7 (NLT)

At the core of these commandments are _____ and _____.

- The positive dimension of the 8th Commandment is _____.
- The positive dimension of the 9th Commandment is _____.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV)

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.

Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways can "stealing" show up in modern life beyond physically taking an item? Reflect on Ephesians 4:28. How does God's vision for honest work and generosity shape your view of your job, time, and resources?
2. When have you been tempted to twist or hide the truth for personal gain or self-protection? What might confession and restoration look like in that situation?
3. How do you see the connection between generosity and truthfulness as positive expressions of respect and integrity? Where in your life have you experienced someone embodying both?
4. In what ways do your words and actions either contribute to or harm the trust within your relationships and community? How might truthfulness and respect repair or restore those relationships?

Recommended Resources

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Why do we lie?

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- Significance asks, "Am I enough?"

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