



“Do Not Steal”

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You must not steal.

Exodus 20:15 (NLT)

I. HOW DO WE STEAL?

- **By Deceiving Customers**

*They overcharge, use false measures,
and fix the scales to cheat the customers.*

Amos 8:5 (GN)

- **By Defrauding Employers**

Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord.

Colossians 3:23 (LB)

- **By Cheating the Government**

[Jesus said] so give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. And give back to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:21 (NIRV)

- **By Robbing The Lord**

You people are robbing me, your God. And, here you are, asking, “How are we robbing you?” You are robbing me of the offerings and of the tithe that belongs to me.

Malachi 3:8 (CEV)

II. WHY SHOULD I BE HONEST?

1. GOD _____

*For God watches how people live; he sees everything they do.
No darkness is thick enough to hide the wicked from his eyes.*

Job 34:21-22 (NLT)

God-loyal people, living honest lives, make it much easier for their children.

Proverbs 20:7 (MSG)

2. I WILL _____ WHAT I _____

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.

Galatians 6:7 (NLT)

Dishonest gain will never last, so why take the risk?

Proverbs 21:6 (LB)

3. **DISHONESTY RUINS MY** _____

A person who plans evil will get a reputation as a troublemaker.

Proverbs 24:8 (NLT)

III. **HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY INTEGRITY OR REBUILD MY INTEGRITY?**

1. **MAKE** _____ **WHEN POSSIBLE**

(Zacchaeus) If I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much.

Luke 19:8 (GN)

2. **GIVE MY** _____ **BACK TO GOD**

Is it right for a person to cheat God? Of course not...Bring the full amount of your tithes to the temple...and I will pour out on you in abundance...

Malachi 3:8-10 (GN)

3. **EARN YOUR INCOME** _____

If you used to be a thief you must not only give up stealing, but you must learn to make an honest living.

Ephesians 4:28 (Ph)

Primary source for today's teaching is *Strong Relationships* by Rick Warren

ANSWER KEY:

WHY SHOULD I BE HONEST?

1. GOD **KNOWS WHAT I'M DOING**
2. I WILL **HARVEST** WHAT I **PLANT**
3. DISHONESTY RUINS MY **REPUTATION**

HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY INTEGRITY OR REBUILD MY INTEGRITY?

1. MAKE **RESTITUTION** WHEN POSSIBLE
2. GIVE MY **FULL TITHE** BACK TO GOD
3. EARN YOUR INCOME **HONESTLY**