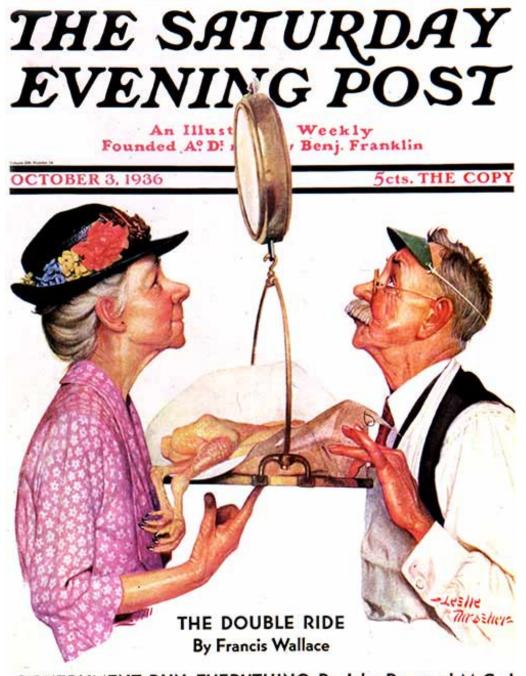
Exodus #61 The Moral Law

Lesson #13 "No Stealing" Exodus 20:15

Matthew 22:35-40

"³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him {a question, } testing Him, ³⁶ 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' ³⁷ And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.""



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Exodus 22:1

"¹ If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep."

Luke 19:8

^{**8} And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, <u>half of my</u> <u>possessions I will give to the poor, and if</u> <u>I have defrauded anyone of anything, I</u> <u>will give back four times as much.</u>'"

Leviticus 19:13

"¹³ You shall not oppress your neighbor, <u>nor rob</u> {him} The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning."

Mark 10:19

"¹⁹ You know the commandments, 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, <u>do</u> <u>not steal</u>, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."

Ephesians 4:28

"²⁸ Let him who <u>steals steal no longer</u>; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have {something} to share with him who has need."

Income Tax Fraud

Not working a full day for a full day's wage.

Not paying your debts.

Romans 13:8

"8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled {the} law."

Matthew 5:33-37

"³³ Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' ³⁴ But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' {or} 'No, no'; and anything beyond these is of evil."

The Heidelberg Catechism states:

"God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right. In addition God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of his gifts."

Cheating in school.

Robbing God

Holding back gifts and talents from use in the kingdom.

Every theft is an assault on God's providence for others. Why do people steal? It is a distrust of God, or an evil desire for more than what God has provided. All property is given by God as a sacred trust in order to look after the one true Sovereign's possessions.

Are you stealing? How clean is your conscience?