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THE SINS THAT SO EASILY BESET US—20

“The Seriousness of STEALING

Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28 (Selected Passages)

Introduction. _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE A _____ INVOLVING THE CATEGORIES OF STEALING (Leviticus 6:1-7).

A. First, notice the seriousness of _____ stealing (Luke 3:13-14; Deuteronomy 24:7).

1. First, there is _____ (6:2a)
2. Secondly, there is _____ (6:2b).
3. Thirdly, there is _____ (Luke 3:13-14).
4. Fourthly, there is _____ (Deuteronomy 24:7).

B. Secondly, consider the serious sins of *passive* stealing (Exodus 22:1-15; Leviticus 6:3; 19:13; Deuteronomy 24:14-15).

1. First, there is the passive form of stealing _____ a person’s negligence, which results in the loss to his neighbor (Exodus 22:1-15).
2. Secondly, the passive form of stealing _____ failing to return anything found that has been lost by a neighbor (Leviticus 6:3).

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3. Thirdly, the passive form of stealing _____ failure to give what belongs to another (Leviticus 19:13; Deuteronomy 24:14-15).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE _____ OF STEALING AS TO GUILT OR BLAME THAT IS DESERVED.

- A. First, stealing _____ an unauthorized change of possession.
- B. Secondly, stealing _____ harm to one’s neighbor by taking what rightfully belongs to him (Proverbs 1:10-19; Luke 10:25-37; Leviticus 19:15; Matthew 19:19).
- C. Thirdly, stealing takes _____ advantage of one’s neighbor (Exodus 22:25-27; Leviticus 25:35-38; Psalm 10:3-11; Habakkuk 2:6-11).
- D. Fourthly, stealing sins against the Lord by _____ possessing the property of another (Psalm 30:7-9).
- E. Fifthly, stealing is a serious sin against one’s self, thus bring _____ upon himself (Psalm 62:10; Proverbs 1:10-19).
- F. Sixthly, stealing is a serious sin because it is _____ to a nation and the land (Hosea 4:1-3)
- G. Seventhly, stealing is a serious sin because it _____ and destroys the unity of the people of God in a community (Exodus 22:9).
- H. Eighthly, stealing is a serious sin in that it _____ (sets aside) the consequences of man’s sin (Genesis 3:19).

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- I. Ninthly, stealing is a serious sin in that it _____ the covenant God made with Israel (Deuteronomy 28).
- J. Tenthly, stealing is a serious sin because it _____ God's laws and His promises (Psalm 62:10; Isaiah 10:12-13).
- K. Eleventhly, stealing is a serious sin because it is sometimes an _____ to avoid sacrifice (Malachi 3:7-12; Isaiah 61:8).
- L. Twelfthly, stealing is a serious sin because it is completely _____ to the character of God.

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER NOW THE _____ TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SIN (Ephesians 4:28).

The solution for STEALING is to look for opportunities to SERVE others. Ephesians 4:28 says, “*Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands, the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”*