



**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EXODUS 20:15**

<sup>15</sup> *Thou shalt not steal.*

**QUOTE:** “A person doesn’t have to be dishonest simply because it is the accepted way. Being right is worth far more than being accepted.”—Donald Wildmon

**EPHESIANS 4:28**

<sup>28</sup> *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.*

**1. The Necessity of** \_\_\_\_\_  
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A. Direct \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVITICUS 19:11**

*<sup>11</sup> Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.*

B. \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOSSIANS 3:22**

*<sup>22</sup> Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:*

**COLOSSIANS 4:1**

*<sup>1</sup> Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.*

**JAMES 5:4**

*<sup>4</sup> Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.*

C. \_\_\_\_\_

**HABAKKUK 2:6**

*<sup>6</sup> Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!*



D. \_\_\_\_\_ **Love**

**1 CORINTHIANS 7:5**

*<sup>5</sup> Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*

**ROMANS 13:8**

*<sup>8</sup> Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

**MATTHEW 22:39**

*<sup>39</sup> And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

E. **Stealing from** \_\_\_\_\_

**JEREMIAH 5:25**

*<sup>25</sup> Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.*

F. **Stealing from** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*



### **MALACHI 3:8**

*<sup>8</sup> Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

## **2. The Importance of \_\_\_\_\_**

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### **A. The Blessing of \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **GENESIS 2:15**

*<sup>15</sup> And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

#### **2 THESSALONIANS 3:10**

*<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

#### **EXODUS 20:9**

*<sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*

#### **ECCLESIASTES 5:18**

*<sup>18</sup> Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him:*



*for it is his portion.*

**ECCLESIASTES 5:19**

*<sup>19</sup> Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.*

**PROVERBS 13:19**

*<sup>19</sup> The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.*

**B. Teaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of Work**

**JOHN 9:4**

*<sup>4</sup> I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

**C. Teaching our \_\_\_\_\_ to Work**

**LAMENTATIONS 3:27**

*<sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*

**D. Helping our \_\_\_\_\_ Work**

**3. The Joy of \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**A. Meeting \_\_\_\_\_**



### **ACTS 20:33-35**

<sup>33</sup> *I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.* <sup>34</sup> *Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.* <sup>35</sup> *I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

### **B. Givers and \_\_\_\_\_**

**QUOTE:** "Make all you can, save all you, and give all you can."

### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

<sup>7</sup> *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

### **C. Giving \_\_\_\_\_**

### **MARK 8:35**

<sup>35</sup> *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.*

### **JOHN 10:10**

<sup>10</sup> *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*



## 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

*<sup>9</sup> But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Practical Tips:**

- Model a spirit of contentment before your children.
- Begin now dealing with your little ones “I want this” syndrome. Explain that we can’t have everything we want, and be prepared to reinforce this lesson often!
- Teach your children to be grateful and to say “Thank you.”
- Don’t get caught in the game of buying your children things to keep them quiet or to relieve your guilt for not spending more time with them or failing to keep a promise.
- Don’t bail your older children out if they overspend and run short for something they really want to buy or do.

