

The Commandments Of Our Creator God

[Part 7]

The Eighth Commandment stated –

“You shall not steal.” In spite of the multitude of human laws protecting property, people cut off from the Creator God are stealing in many devious ways more than ever before in human history.

Because the vast majority of people do not think the God who gave this law really exists, they do not fear to disobey His laws.

The teaching of evolution in schools and the acceptance of this theory as true by the vast majority of people has done away with a Creator God in their thoughts and actions.

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Humanity is violating this eighth commandment in hundreds of ways through a godless, “*watered down*” system of morality.

For example, after discussing some debased scheme by which they can cheat a business competitor or customer through poor quality products or misleading advertising, executives will shrug their shoulders and say, “*well, that’s just business, if I don’t do it someone else will.*”

When anyone breaks God’s Law in the end it will break them, just like the law of gravity when it’s transgressed, the punishment is automatic and sure.

According to the Creator God’s Word, the Christian Bible, there are only two right ways in which we can come into possession of anything.

First is by a free gift from another person, or from God Himself.

Second is by honest labour, which earns something as a legitimate return.

Any other way is theft.

The Eighth Commandment recognises the legitimate acquisition of property, as well as forbidding theft.

This command forbids international thievery in which nations forcibly confiscate and steal the property and possessions of other nations.

Also in principle, gambling is a violation of the Eighth Commandment, when a person gains un-worked for money that originally was taken from other people.

This lust for possession without toil is a blatant denial of the teaching of our Creator God.

Also it is a well-known fact that wherever any large amount of gambling takes place, the traffic in illegal drugs, prostitution and organised crime skyrockets.

Another little realised method of thievery is the modern practice of growing and preparing foods.

Through refusal to let the soil lie completely idle every seventh year as God commanded [**Leviticus 25:3-4**] and the use of water soluble chemical fertilizers which would bring forth health-producing food.

Instead, the foods produced on these devitalised fields have been robbed of the natural vitamins, minerals and food element which the Creator God intended should be there.

In effect, the people forced to eat these foods are robbed of health, vitality and in some cases of life itself!

Witness the trend towards vitamin pills and capsules, towards “enriched” bread and other foods with vitamins artificially “added.” These artificial vitamins which in many cases our bodies cannot use, would never be necessary if the foods we eat had been properly grown and processed in the first place.

Millions of human beings are suffering the effects of man-made deficiency diseases, brought on partly by the sin and greed of food manufacturers who have knowingly robbed our foods of life-giving elements.

One of the greatest commercial sins of our age is the common practice of false advertising.

The consumer is led to expect that a certain “pill or potion” will cause them to lose or gain weight, increase in their potency, restore thinning hair or whatever the case may be. In most cases this statement is a direct wilful way of stealing the customer’s money.

The principle behind the Eighth Commandment is broken again and again in the relationships of capital and labour.

James 5:4 [NIV] *“Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.”*

The warning against the dishonest employer.

Equally true in this era of corrupt unionism is that many a worker robs his employer, with extended “tea or coffee breaks” or “cigarette breaks” causing disruption of production as well as strikes used by unions to show their power.

The Eighth Commandment has a message from the Creator God for both capital and labour.

Malachi 3:6-10 [NIV] *“I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. ‘But you ask, “How are we to return?” “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse, the whole nation of you, because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’”*

Speaking to modern-day Jacob or Israel the English speaking people, who are robbing the Creator God’s human instruments who are preaching His Word, the Christian Bible, to each generation.

God will bless those who tithe to His Church even in material ways as well as spiritual blessing that are the direct result of obedience to our Creator God.

Ephesians 4:28 [NIV] *“He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.”*

Here we see the positive application of the Eighth Commandment. This is the intent or “spirit” of God’s Law.

A person not only steals by taking from another that which is theirs but by refusing to work in order to share with others who are in need.

Romans 12:13 [NIV] *“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practise hospitality.”*

Every true Christian should be doing this, so that we become more like our Creator God. [**Matthew 5:48**]

John 5:17 [NIV] *“Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.’”*

Both God the Father and Jesus Christ work to give and share with others.

James 1:17 [NIV] *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”*

God’s Kingdom is a creating, working and producing Kingdom, so this is the nature we are to have if we are to become part of that created family of God.

This is the antithesis of stealing in any and every form!

Acts 20:33-35 [NIV] *“I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

Paul summed up the positive lesson of the Eighth Commandment in his life and his words.

These words that Paul was reminding his followers of were the words of Jesus Christ that are **not** recorded in the gospels.

Obviously **not** all of Jesus Christ’s words were written down [**John 21:25**], this saying may have been passed on orally through the apostles.

If, through the help of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can truly learn to live by these words, we will have indeed fulfilled the spirit of the Eighth Commandment.