



## DO NOT STEAL

### Introduction:

#### I. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEFT

##### A. The Definition of Theft

“This commandment does far more than protect property. It warns against taking advantage of a brother (or sister) in need. It stands against all exploitation of the weak, and is a guide for all social and economic action and restraint.”

Walter Eichrodt

##### B. The Dignity of Personal Property

Deut. 8:18

“The institution of property is recognized and sanctioned by the authority of God. ...[T]here are some things which a man may call his own, over the use of which he has control, and which the law will not suffer other men to touch.”

R.W. Dale

##### C. The Delight of Work

Gen. 2:15; Prov. 14:23

#### II. THE MANY FACES OF THEFT (“a dirty dozen”)

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### III. THE ULTIMATE THEFT

A. "Will a man rob God?"

Malachi 3:6-12

B. "How have we robbed God?"

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#### Conclusion:

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