August 3, 2025 | Don ’ t Steal
Mark Smith, Connections Pastor | Exodus 20:15

sermon notes

Romans 3:20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God ’ s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

1. God Affirms PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Ephesians 4:20-24, 28

2. Don ’ t PILFER PEOPLES Property.

3. The PROBLEM of PERVERTING Gods Plan.

4. We can still PURSUE God ’ s PURPOSE.

- TURN from your past

- ACKNOWLEDGE God as provider

- KEEP Sterwarding well

- EXHIBIT Generosity

going deeper

Take a moment to pray. Confess your need for the Holy Spirit ’ s help in illuminating God ’ s Word to you.

Reread the 8th commandment (Exodus 20:15)

Are there ways that you are tempted to steal?

What are some modern forms of theft that we might overlook?

What do you believe is the root cause?

Are there ways that you try to excuse or explain away stealing?

Read Ephesisans 4:20-24 & 28

What does it mean to “ put off the old self ” and “ put on the new self ” in the context of how we earn and use money?

How does the dtransformation in verses 20-24 help explain why we should keep the 8th commandment?

What steps can we take personally and together to “ put on the new self ” in the way we think about ownership, work, and generosity?

Read the following passages and discuss how God ’ s word challenges us in the way we view money and possesions.

1 Tim 6:17-19
Matthew 6:19-21
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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Vision Sunday | Sun, Aug. 24th
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