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Acts 6: 4 ASV

Taking from Others

A Message for Youth

Week of Sunday 30 April, 2017 A.D.
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- Text: Exodus 20: 15 ASV

Thou shalt not steal.

- God spoke these words.
- Human beings are made in the image of God. Each is given a spirit. As soon as anyone has acquired some thing by gift, inheritance, trade, earning, purchase, or development, it becomes an intimate part of them, just as their body and spirit belong to them. God expects us to respect all the personal property a human spirit owns.

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- Every day people take and keep things that do not belong to them.
- When buying anything we must do our best to ascertain it is not stolen.
- Taking possession of something that belongs to someone else is stealing.
- If the object is truly lost and there is no way to ascertain identity of the owner, it is permissible to keep the object.

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- Return lost items to people; 1 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely bring them again unto thy brother. Deuteronomy 22: 1 ASV
- Crime doesn't pay. God requires you to pay double what you stole. 4 If the theft be found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall pay double. Exodus 22: 4 ASV
Imagine if every pickpocket, car thief, and burglar were required to give full restitution to victims.

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- Justice is served in the purest sense when that you wished to take from me is taken from you.
- Stealing is an offense against the human spirit who owns the property as well as God.
- People ease their conscience by attempting to diminish the seriousness of the act. They deceive themselves into thinking it was not wrong to take from others. It is always wrong !
- The best reason not to steal is because God said not to.

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- The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct, comfort, and cheer you.
- Memory Verse: Thou shalt not steal.
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