



THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

STEALING & LYING

Setting...

- God delivers his people from Egyptian slavery
- Great miracles and God's power displayed
- People gather at the foot of Mount Sinai
- Amidst fire and smoke God speaks...

The Law, Jesus, and how it applies to us

- Jesus came to fulfill the Law & its requirements
- The law summed up –Love God, love others
- The law acts like an MRI –it shows us what's

Romans 3:19-24 “Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”

Today commands 8-9

- Deuteronomy 5:19-20 “And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Questions

1. What is the Heart of these Commands?
2. What does this reveal about our hearts?
3. How do we apply this in our lives?

1. Things that have no place

- stealing – taking something that doesn't belong to you without permission or right
- lying – saying anything untrue, not speaking what is true

a) does not reflect love

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

b) does not reflect who you are

- Eph. 4:25-28 “²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

c) clearly has devastating results

- personally – shame, guilt, reputation
- relationally – trust, ability for closeness or community
- society – protecting our stuff, protecting ourselves, devastating

God's command is clear – stealing and lying have no place in our family.

– Proverbs 6:16-19, Psalm 12:12

2. What does this reveal about our hearts?

a) Our hearts are deceitful

- Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick who can understand it?”

- Psalm 24:4-5 “Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”

b) when we steal it shows

- do not trust God with.....
 - what he has granted me
 - to provide what I need
 - to satisfy my desires for...
- my perspective is I deserve so.....
 - inner lawyer convincing me
 - need it more than

c) when we lie it shows

- we desire to avoid consequences
 - owning up a problem
- we worry about our image with others
 - how others see us too important
 - not happy with the authentic me
 - disappointing others painful
- we have a heart towards manipulation
 - get our way with half truths
 - omitting information to get my way

3. How does this Apply Today?

a) some of the ways we steal

- from others – property, time they are owed, credit or glory,

- from God – Malachi 3:8-9 “⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions.

⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

- worship, praise & thanksgiving
- our gifts and abilities, time

b) ways we lie

- using truth to our advantage, not speaking in love...

Eph. 4:15¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”

- omitting critical information, context
- not being honest with ourselves, focus on our intentions not on our actions

So What?

1. The law reveals a problem
 - we are bent towards stealing & lying
2. Jesus fulfilled the law
 - our penalty for this was paid in full
3. We have been given a new heart
 - empowered for Holy Living by Spirit of God
4. Our response – seek heart and behavioral change – live up to who we are