

FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATION WORSHIP

[11.08.20]

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
Message: God Loves Generosity
Songs: *Because He Lives (Amen)*
The Solid Rock [#404]
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The Lord is My Salvation
Have I Not Commanded You
I Surrender All

Participating in Worship

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Pastor Bob Johnson

The Big 10

11.15 Don't Lie
11.22 Don't Covet



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SETTING THE STAGE

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?" -Matthew 16:26

**How do we steal from our neighbor?
How do we steal from God?**

GUARDING OUR HEARTS AGAINST STEALING

Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life. -Proverbs 4:23

What statement describes you?

What's yours is mine ---- I'll take it.
What's mine is mine --- I'll keep it.
What's mine is God's --- I'll share it.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

- I know I will reap what I sow. Galatians 6:7
- I know stealing damages my character. Luke 16:10
- I long for His eternal reward. Proverbs 28:20
- I want to love and honor the Lord. Matthew 22:37

What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.¹ But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate,² such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.³ In addition God forbids all greed⁴ and pointless squandering of his gifts.⁵

¹ Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10 ² Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6

³ Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35

⁴ Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5 ⁵ Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13

Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.¹

¹ Isa. 58:5-10; Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:28