

The 8th commandment Ex 20:15 “You shall not steal.”

When I choose not to follow any of the commandments this reveals my heart. In that moment of sin;

1. I'm not loving the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength
2. I'm not loving my neighbour...let alone myself

3 Categories of Stealing:

- 1. When God would say no** (just don't do that)
the heart behind - “You shall not steal.” - is that you would have no part of it.
Gaining through dishonest means is stealing
James 4:17 “If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.”
- 2. When someone would say no**
Stealing from Employers / Keeping Property You Found
Romans 13:7 - Render to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs.
- 3. When nobody knows** (when no one would ever know)
Malachi 3:8-12 ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and offerings.

Stealing has 3 consequences:

- 1. hurts your faith** (you aren't obeying Him or trusting God to provide)
Philippians 4: 19 “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
- 2. hurts your neighbour** (you are not loving or honouring your neighbour)
Mark 12:31 “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”
- 3. hurts yourself** (you lose your integrity before God)
You can't say *Psalms 26:1 “Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.”*

God reveals our sin, not to condemn but to restore:

Psalms 32:5, 1 John 1:9, Isaiah 1:18

“Blessed are the pure in heart – for they will see God” Matthew 5:8