

**THE LIFE
OF MOSES**
EXPERIENCE THE
IMPOSSIBLE

#23: BE A GIVER
EXODUS 20:15
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I. WHO ARE WE?

Unfortunately our culture of consumerism, greed, and materialism has turned us into a society of “takers”

Be careful to guard yourselves from every kind of greed. Life is not about having a lot of material possessions.

Luke 12:15 (GWT)

Anyone who loves money never has enough. Anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with what he gets.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIRV)

II. WHY IS GOD SO CONCERNED ABOUT STEALING?

- ① Stealing demonstrates a lack of _____ in God to provide for me (See Matthew 6:25-33).

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

- ② Stealing shows a lack of _____ for the lives of others.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the people of Israel that when anyone, man or woman, betrays the Lord by betraying a trust, it is sin. He must confess his sin and make full repayment for what he has stolen, adding 20 percent and returning it to the person he took it from.

Numbers 5:5-7 (TLB)

Treat others as you want them to treat you.

Matthew 7:12 (CEV)

III. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT I CAN STEAL?

Beyond taking something that doesn't belong to me—stealing is also:

- ① _____ some advantage through fraud.

Do not steal anything or cheat anyone, and don't fail to pay your workers at the end of each day.

Leviticus 19:13 (CEV)

2 Not _____ my debts.

The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.
Psalm 37:21

Pay everyone whatever you owe them. If you owe taxes, pay them. If you owe tolls, pay them. If you owe someone respect, respect that person. If you owe someone honor, honor that person.
Romans 13:7-8 (GWT)

3 Wasting _____.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.
Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT)

4 Pilfering supplies at _____.

Whoever can be trusted with a little can also be trusted with a lot, and whoever is dishonest with a little is dishonest with a lot. If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, then who will trust you with true riches?
Luke 16:10-11 (NCV)

5 _____ children of their innocence.

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.
Matthew 18:6 (NIV)

6 _____ someone opportunities due to discrimination.

Stop judging by outward appearance! Instead, judge correctly.
John 7:24 (GWT)

7 _____ God.

“Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me.
Malachi 3:8-9 (NLT)

IV. HOW CAN I OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION TO STEAL?

The Eighth Commandment is not only about stopping _____ behavior—but also replacing it with something positive.

It is calling me to the ultimate cure for stealing— and that is to become a _____.

If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

Ephesians 4:28-29 (NLT)

But remember this—if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much. Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes. God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others...For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8,10 (TLB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Malachi 3:10-11 (NLT)