

**THOU SHALT NOT STEAL**

Exodus 20:15



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- Have you ever thought about when this became an established code of rightness?
  - Exodus 20:15, Deut. 5:19
  - Also referenced in Matt. 19:18, Mark 10:19, Luke 18:20.
- When was the first mention of theft in the Bible demonstrating its violation of proper conduct?
  - Genesis 14:8-16- Abraham rescues Lot.
  - Genesis 30:31-42- Jacob and Laban's wage agreement.
  - Gen. 44:8- Joseph's cup in Benjamin's sack.



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**SELFISH**

- Ephesians 4:28
- Luke 19:8- “if I have defrauded anyone.....”
- Dishonest
- Joshua 7:19-21



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**DAMAGING**

- Luke 10:30
- Joshua 7
  - Vs. 1- Damaging to the people.
  - Vs. 19-21- Damaging to Achan.
  - Vss. 24-25- Damaging to his family.



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## DAMAGING

- **Robbing people of the joy of worship.**
  - Matt. 12:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46
  - I Samuel 2:12-17
- **Robbing God.**
  - Malachi 3:8-10



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**UNLOVING**

- Matt. 22:37-40- Second part of the law.
- Romans 13:8-10
- Luke 10:25-37