

PROSPERING WITH INTEGRITY

God's Top Ten - Part 8

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Exodus 20:15

1. HOW DO WE STEAL?

A. Stealing Scenario #1: TAKING.

"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15 (NIV)

B. Stealing Scenario #2: CHEATING.

*"God hates cheating in the marketplace; rigged scales are an outrage."
Proverbs 20:23 (Mess)*

C. Stealing Scenario #3: DEFRAUDING.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me! But you ask, 'How do we rob You, God?'
In tithes and offerings!" Malachi 3:8 (NIV)*

2. WHY BE HONEST?

A. I AM BEING WATCHED.

*"God carefully watches the goings on of all mankind: He sees them all. No
darkness is thick enough to hide evil men from His eyes." Job 34:21-22 (LB)*

B. I WILL REAP WHATEVER I SOW.

*"Don't be misled, remember a man will always reap just the kind of crop he
sows!" Galatians 6:7 (LB)*

C. DISHONESTY DAMAGES MY CHARACTER.

*"Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty can save your
life." Proverbs 10:2 (GN)*

D. GOD WILL REWARD MY HONESTY.

*"Honest people will lead a full, happy life but if you are in a hurry to get rich you
are going to get punished." Proverbs 28:20 (GN)*

THE ROAD TO INTEGRITY

1. MAKE RESTITUTION WHEN POSSIBLE.

*"If I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much."
Luke 19:8 (GN)*

2. GIVE GOD MY FULL TITHE.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me. But you ask, 'How do we rob You?' In tithes and offerings...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test Me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’” Malachi 3:8-10 (NIV)

3. MAKE A LIVING HONESTLY.

“If you are a thief, stop stealing. Begin using your hands for honest work, and then give generously to others in need.” Ephesians 4: 28 (NIV)