

## PROSPERING WITH INTEGRITY

Ten Values That Build Strong Families - Part 8

*You shall not steal" Exodus 20:15*

### I. HOW DO WE STEAL?

By deceiving customers.

*"(They) overcharge, use false measures, and fix the scales to cheat the customers." Amos 6:5 (GN).*

By defrauding employers.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23.*

By Delaying payments

*"Don't take advantage of anyone... Don't hold back the wages of someone you've hired, not even for one night." Leviticus 19:13 (GN).*

By defrauding on loans

*"The wicked man borrows and never pays back..." Psalms 37:21.*

By deceiving the government

*"...the authorities are working for God ... Pay what you owe them; pay your personal and property taxes..." Romans 13:6-7 (GN).*

By defrauding the Lord.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me! but you ask, 'How do we rob You, God? By withholding tithes and offerings!" Malachi 3:8*

### II. WHY BE HONEST?

1. I am being \_\_\_\_\_

*"God careful 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)*

*"It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father." Proverbs 20:7*

2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ whatever I \_\_\_\_\_

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

*"Try to make a profit dishonestly and you'll get your family in trouble." Proverbs 15:27 (GN)*

*"Dishonest gain will never last, so why take the risk?"*

Proverbs 21:6 (LB)

3. Dishonesty damages my \_\_\_\_\_

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

*"It is better to be poor but honest, than to be a lying fool!"*

Proverbs 19:1 (GN)

4. God will \_\_\_\_\_ my honesty.

*"Honest people will lead a full, happy life but if you are in a hurry to get rich you are going to be punished."*

Proverbs 28:20 (GN)

*"Well done...you've shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust you with greater ones; come and join in your Master's happiness!" Matthew 25:21 (JN)*

### First Steps to Integrity

1. Make \_\_\_\_\_ when possible.

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

2. Give God my full \_\_\_\_\_

*"Is it right for a person to cheat God? Of course not...Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple ... and I will pour out on you in abundance..." Malachi 3:8,9-10*

3. Make a living \_\_\_\_\_

*"The man who used to be a thief must give up stealing, and do an honest day's work with his own hands..." Ephesians 4:28 (Ph)*