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How to find true contentment



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How to hold to the truth



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How to prosper with a clear conscience

Thou shalt not steal	(KJV)
You shall not steal	(NIV)
No stealing	(MSG)
Do not steal	(GNB)

Exodus 20:15

Definition of Stealing

The dishonest taking, using or dealing with another person's property without permission or legal right, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of it.

The dishonest taking without permission

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The Cost of Stealing

Victim financial, physical, emotional, relational

Perpetrator searing of conscience
 numbing of conscience

Us all increased security
 insurance
 taxes
 policing

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Issac and Rebekah

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 27

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:28

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and
the glory and the majesty and the splendour,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

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Chronicles 29:11

David

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14

Paul

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen

Romans 11:38

How do we keep our conscience clean?

Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep free from the love of money, be content with what you have

Ephesians 4:22-25

Be made new in the attitude of your minds

christians
against
poverty

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Standing up to Stealing

Be honest about theft

Make amends

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Seek Integrity

Being People of Integrity means

- Keep our promises
- We pay our bills on time
- Trust God with our finances
 - Do our best at work
 - Personal relationships

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Good and Right Attitude

Love Giving

Trust God

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Two things I ask of you , O LORD;
do not refuse me before I die:
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
Give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say “Who is the LORD?”
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonour the name of God

Proverbs 30:7-9



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