

G. POOR-

1. Be generous- Dt 15:10-11, 23:19-20, Lk 3:11-14- not stingy, giving & lending without _____
2. Provide work and scheduled, regular assistance- yearly gleaning, give 3rd year tithe, cancel debt every 7 years, return land every 50- Lev 19:9-13; 25:1ff, Dt 14:28-29, 15:1-3
3. Champion their rights, social justice, fair prices and wages- Job 31:13-23, Ezk 18:7-8, Amos 8:4-7, Mic 6:7-8, Jas 5:1-6
4. Who is to take care of the poor? - Il The 3:10, I Tim 5:3-8, Pro 29:14, Ezk 45:9-12, Dnl 4:27- the poor, the family, church, g_____ & every person

TAKING IT HOME

Eph 4 ²⁸ 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.

STEP 1- STOP STEALING- Where have you been stealing? Been less than honest?

STEP 2- START WORKING- How can you do better at work? Earning, saving, giving?

STEP 3- START SHARING- Who could you help? Who has a need?

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? – write it down, pray it back, share it with others!
 “Oh Heavenly Father, I have stolen. I have been greedy, sneaky, dishonest and often judgmental, I am a thief by nature and action. Help me to start giving what belongs to You and others. Help me come clean, own up and get honest... like the thief on the cross or Zacchaeus. Give me the courage to make restitution, the drive to work hard, the wisdom to save well and the compassion to give generously. I especially sense You telling me...

JESUS' HOPE FOR THIEVES LIKE US! 1/23/22

GETTING OUR FEET WET

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE- Thou Shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15

❖ STEP 1- KNOW GOD WANTS TO BLESS US

Dt 6 ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

❖ STEP 2- OBEY GOD'S GOOD COMMAND

Lev 19 ⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ “Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another. ¹³ “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

Dt 25 ⁴ Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

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Titus ²⁹ Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, ¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Micah 6⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

❖ STEP 3- KNOW MORE OF GOD'S GOOD COMMAND- You shall not steal.

DON'T	DO
You shall NOT steal... sins to avoid...	You shall... LOVE by...

<p>ACTIONS-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't take, keep, damage, dishonor others' belongings, withhold anything owed • Don't rob, cheat, defraud, withhold fair & due amount to God, the poor, workers, family, or govt • Don't be lazy, mooch • No kidnapping, human trafficking, porn 	<p>ACTIONS-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do work hard, pay fairly, save well, give generously, make restitution • Protect, promote and honor yours and other's well-being and belongings. • Do unto others as you want them to do unto you – Mt 7:12- lend, help • Seek justice, end human trafficking
<p>ATTITUDES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards self- don't be greedy • Towards others- don't be covetous, jealous, judgmental, proud, stingy • Towards God- don't be mistrusting 	<p>ATTITUDES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards self- be industrious, content • Towards others- be generous, helpful • Towards God- trust God's timing & provision

❖ STEP 4 – OBEY GOD'S GOOD COMMAND IN 7 AREAS OF LIFE

- A. GOD- bring all the tithes & offerings- Mal 3:7-12
- B. GOVERNMENT- pay taxes, give honor- Lk 3:12-14, 20:25, Rom 13:1-7- report all income, don't inflate expenses or donations
- C. BUSINESS- is all fair in love, war and business?
1. Purchasing & selling- Dt 25:13-14, Pro 11:1, Amos 8:4-7- not differing w_____ but the same = honesty, equality, fair prices, golden rule- Mt 7:2,12
 2. Employees- no pilfering, slacking, calling off wrongfully, but work hard & well, Col 3:22-25, Titus 2:9-10
 3. Employers-
 - Not low wages but fair, timely wage Lev 19:13, Dt 24:14-15, Col 4:1, Jas 5:1-4
 - Regular time off- daily, sabbath, new moon, festivals (holidays)- Ex 20:8-11
 - P_____ sharing-Dt 25:4, Pro 17:2, 22:29, 27:27, 31:31, Mt 25:21, I Tim 5:17-18
 - Address unfairness & listen to c_____ - Job 31:13-15

D. FAMILY- Pro 28:24, Mt 15:3-6, I Tim 5:3-8- don't take but p_____

E. OTHERS

1. Property- Ex 20:15, 21:33-22:15, 23:4-5, Dt 22:1-4, - don't steal or damage, but return, help & make r_____. Make others' property secure and safe.
2. Persons- no kidnapping- Ex 21:15- human trafficking, prostitution, porn, slave labor

F. YOURSELF

1. Don't be lazy but work well & hard- Gen 1:28, Ex 20:9, Prov 10:4-5, Eph 4:28, Col 3:22-25, II Thes 3:10
2. Get out of debt and s_____ well- Pro 6:1-11, 22:7, Rom 13:8
 - 10-10-80 rule- tithe, save, spend
 - \$1,000 in emergency fund- 2 months
 - Monthly budget- account for every dollar- Lk 14:28
 - Debt snowball- car, credit card, 2 years
 - 3-6 months in emergency savings- \$15-30,000 average
 - Save- 5-10-15%- retirement, college, extra giving
3. Don't be lazy but take care of what you have- Pro 24:30-34, 27:23-27
4. Give generously to those in need- I Tim 6:17-19- see the next section