

PATHWAY TO PEACE: BIBLE STUDY GUIDE – LESSON 20

Loving Others: Part 3 [8th, 9th, 10th Commandments] Thief, Lies, and Desires

God truly loves you. He desires that you live with Him forever. God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. Amen. Sin kills friends. And God wants to save us from sin. It is by God's grace and love that He sent His son Jesus Christ to save us from all our sins. All you have to do is accept Jesus into your life. For the past several programs we have studied about the Law of God, His Ten Commandments. God's commandments are love, pure, and righteous. They are a guide for a happy abundant living in Jesus Christ. The ten commandments of God reveal sin in our lives, but Jesus Christ cleans sin from our lives only if we repent and confess our sins to Him.

This current lesson will conclude our series on God's Ten Commandment Law. In the first half of our study today we are going to examine the last three commandments of God's Ten Commandment Law. In the second half of our study we are going to overview some of the key things that we have studied in this series.

1. What is God's eighth commandment law and it's Biblical meaning?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28; Leviticus 19:11, 13, Deuteronomy 25:13 - 16

Write Bible Answer:

This commandment is pretty straight forward. Stealing is simply intentionally taking something or anything that does not belong to you without permission. Now in order for any society to be harmonious or to have order there has to be laws that protects its citizens and property, right? God does not want us to get something for nothing. He teaches us that we should work honestly. ***Ephesians 4:28*** says, “²⁸Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” So we should work and earn money or things honestly not only for our gain, but to help fulfill the needs of our neighbor or others. God did not give us the means to make money to throw it away on selfish desires.

2. How serious does God take stealing?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 21:16; Deuteronomy 24:7; Proverbs 11:1; Proverbs 20:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10

Write Bible Answer:

Stealing is very serious to God. Matter of fact in Proverbs 11:1 God says that a “false balance” designed to defraud and steal money from others is called an “abomination” to God. In Exodus 21:16 and Deuteronomy 24:7, a guilty thief was executed. That is serious! We have to think twice before we are tempted to take something that does not belong to you.

Write down somethings that are considered stealing? (i.e: Defraud on taxes, know the you are given too much change at by the cashier and keeping it, etc.. _____

3. What is the greatest robbery to God?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Psalm 50:10 -12; First Corinthians 6:19-20; Haggai 2:8; Malachi 3:8 – 12; 1 Timothy 3:15; 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7; Matthew 21:13

Write Bible Answer:

When your truly think about it, the money or what we earn is not ours in the first place. It's is God's. God owns everything. **Psalm 50:10-12** says, ¹⁰For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills. ¹¹I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine. ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof. That's pretty clear. **First Corinthians 6:19-20** says that even our bodies are God's. It says in verse 20 that we are "bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." So again God owns everything. As Christians we are not owners of what God has given us we are only stewards. God even owns our money. Go to **Haggai 2:8** says, ⁸The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts. There it is even the money we earn is God's. He gave us money to be a blessing others and spreading the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. You know God is so gracious, generous, and very fair because even though God owns 100% of your money and my money He only asks for you and me to return unto Him 10% for the advancement of His gospel work and give a faithful freewill offering. Malachi 3:8 says ⁸"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." a person who does not return a tithe, 10% of your income and a faithful offering is stealing from God. The Hebrew word for "tithe" means "tenth." Malachi 3:9, 10 says that anyone who steals from God will be cursed, but those who return a faithful tithe and offering unto will be blessed. In verse 11 it says ¹¹"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes" There are things that we don't even know that God has rebuked or protected us from. So in summary, whatever that is not rightfully yours and you take it intentionally without permission you are in violation of the eighth commandment. This includes taking things that seem to be innocent such as odds and ends from the job, stealing time from your employer, or as an employer not paying your employees fairly is stealing.

4. What is God's 9th commandment and it's Biblical meaning?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:11, 16; Proverbs 14:5; Deuteronomy 19:15 – 21; Proverbs 11:13

Write Bible Answer:

A false witness according to ***Proverbs 14:5 says***, “⁵A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies. The Bible is so clear that a false witness is one who does not tell the truth, one who lies or deceives others. In Leviticus 19:16 God tells us not to be a “talebearer.” A talebearer in the Hebrew is a “slander monger” or “slander.”. A false witness also includes those who try to assassinate someone’s character by gossip or lies. Every time we gossip about someone we are not only guilty of breaking God’s 9th commandment here, but we are also guilty murder. Why? Because every word of gossip can kill, or destroy someone else’s character. Even when the “gossip” is “true”, it is still sin because its true purpose is to assassinate someone else’s character or make them look bad. This is serious. God does not look lightly on those who lie or gossip about others.

5. **How serious does God take lying?**

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Proverbs 12:22; Psalm 101:5 – 7; Proverbs 6:16, 17; Proverbs 10:18; Psalm 5:6; Proverbs 19:9; Revelation 21:8

Write Bible Answer:

Proverbs 12:22 says, “²²Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.” Lying is deadly. ***Proverbs 19:9*** it spells it out very clearly the fate of those who gossip, lie, or deceive. It says, “⁹A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that speaketh lies shall perish*. Even though someone may lie on you do not return the favor.”

6. **What can lying and gossiping do to the unity in God's church? [Marco]**

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Proverbs 6:14, 19; Proverbs 22:10; James 3:14 – 18; 3 John 1:9 - 10

Write Bible Answer:

Gossip and lies especially among those in God’s church kills unity and cause strife and dissension. ***Proverbs 6:19*** says ¹⁹A false witness *that speaketh lies*, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Even though it may be tempting to get in on or give the latest and juicy news on so and so ask the Lord to help you resist the temptation because gossip, lying, false witnessing, or deception no matter how little it may be is not of God. We also must be careful not listen to gossip. As a hearer of gossip you guilty as while. You have allowed yourself to be a gossip dumping ground. So, we should shun all gossip. We also must remember that even little “white lies” are not of God. Remember that Satan is the author of lies, gossip and deception. He is the one who gossips and lies about God and His love.

7. What is God's 10th commandment Law and its Biblical meaning?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 20:17; Colossians 3:5; Luke 12:15 – 21; Philippians 4:11

Write Bible Answer:

Covetousness represents a desire or lustful thought to please your own selfish desires and sinful flesh and ignore God and the rights of others. Covetousness is the root of all sin, that why it makes since that it is the last commandment. Colossians 3:5 calls covetousness idolatry. ***Philippians 4:11*** mentions that we should be content in whatever state that we find ourselves in. Amen. We should never be desirous or jealous of what someone else has. That is what got Lucifer in trouble in heaven. And that is still causing many problems today. Matter fact that is why millions of Americans are caught in the web of debt because of jealousy and covetousness. Millions of people buy things on credit of things that they could not afford because they covet that big house, car, boat, entertainment system because some else has it. God is not pleased when we are caught in the web of debt, especially because of our greed, lust, or covetousness thinking. We must be careful and not let our lustful emotions drive our pocket book or wallet. We must ask the Lord for strength and power to overcome the chains debt and the root that causes it, covetousness or selfishness. Jesus Christ will help you over come anything. He is our friend our redeemer and Saviour.