

Do Not Steal

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:15-17

This is the eighth commandment. To steal is to take for myself what belongs to others. To use and keep back something that belongs to another person without his knowledge, to use a person to have some personal gain, all these are considered are stealing.

We should be content with whatever things we have and never desire to take something that belong others. The bible says in 1 Timothy 6:6, "But godliness with contentment is great gain".

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" is the ninth commandment. It is sinful to stand up as a false witness or to even prepare others to be a false witness. Do not false witness for others. Let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No". The bible says that anything beyond this comes from the evil one (Matthew 5:37).

"Do not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor", is the tenth commandment. Trying to gain what your neighbor or what others have is coveting. To covet is also planning to craftily gain what belongs to others. The bible says in Philippians 2:4 "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others".

Questions:

- 1) What does the bible consider as a great gain?
- 2) What is the 9th commandment?
- 3) What should each of us look after according to the bible?