

Steal – Hebrew word – תְּגְנֹב . – ti-gaw nab, which means - to steal away, to carry away, to thieve, to get by stealth, rob, to purloin.



75% of employees admit to stealing from their employer

Amounting to \$50 billion in costs each year

# 3 ways to own anything:

- A gift from someone. Someone gives you a gift.
- 2. You earn it, you work honestly for it.
- 3. By theft. You steal it.

<sup>28</sup>Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God.

<sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup>But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? <sup>18</sup>My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Try – Hebrew word – בְּחֲנוּ – ba ha nu – means to try, to test, to examine, to prove.

## Giving with a Cheerful heart

<sup>7</sup>So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

# We should also give of our firstfruits.

<sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; <sup>10</sup>So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

#### In Summary: giving to the Lord the bible tells us 5 things:

- 1. We can test the LORD in giving. Malachi 3:10
- We are giving back of what God has so graciously given to us. 1
   Chronicles 29:13-16
- 3. We are to be Cheerful givers, we do not give grudgingly, if you give grudgingly you should not give. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
- 4. We are to give out of our firstfruits, so when you first get your paycheck, the first thing you should do is put aside your giving to the Lord. Proverbs 3:9-10
- 5. We are to give sacrificially. So if you are giving a certain amount or percentage of your income and if it is no longer sacrificial, if you are giving out of your abundance, you should then increase your giving. Jesus tells us our giving should be sacrificial. **Mark 12:41-44**

### Jesus said:

<sup>23</sup>Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

LUKE 9:23-24

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. <sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God

<sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

<sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

\*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

<sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

Robbers – Greek word – ληστής, lacetace'; to plunder); a brigand: – robber, thief.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

<sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.