

The Satanic Lust to Steal

*Scripture
Reading:*

**Ephesians
4:27-30**

INTRODUCTION

- **LENT: the 40-day season of self struggle against your sin nature. preceded by a season of indulgence is NOT scriptural.**
- **The NT believer is to -**
 - **Realize the Bible's identification of your 3 spiritual enemies**
 - **Realize from Scripture, that you are totally inadequate to defeat these enemies**
 - **Realize the divinely provided defenses against these 3 enemies as revealed in the NT Scriptures**

Stealing Is a Lust from Satan

Eph 4:27-29

- Three Satanic lusts mentioned
 - **Lying** - vs. 25 (cf Acts 5:1-4)
 - **Stealing** - vs 28
 - **Corrupt communication** - vs 29

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- “Giving place to the devil”
 - Five Satanic lusts that can contribute to his lust to steal
 - **Doubt** = questioning God
 - **Disappointment** = failed expectations
 - **Discouragement** = complaint of God’s seeming lack of concern
 - **Bitterness** = strong mental distaste over one’s circumstances
 - **Pride** = false exaltation of one’s self

Warning Christians Against Stealing

- Stealing is an evil condition of life on this earth
 - **Matt 6:19**
- Stop carrying over a former lifestyle into your Christian life
 - **Eph 4:28**
- Don't suffer as a thief
 - **I Peter 4:15**
 - “grand larceny” - cash, cars, costly valuables
 - “petty larceny” - “porch pirating”, shoplifting stealing time from employers, office supplies, padding expenses, employers not paying for additional time worked, cheating on taxes, etc.

NOT the 8th commandment given
to Israel

Ex 20:15, cf Ex 22



But because this is NOT who the Christian
is in Christ

I Cor 6:9-11

**The
Christian's
Motive for
NOT
Stealing**

The Opposite of Stealing - Giving

- **Eph 4:28**

- “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

- **II Thess 3:7-10**

- The qualification of ‘needy.’


The Father gave His Son - Jn 3:16



The Son gave His life - Jn 1:29




Therefore, born-again believers should let Jesus Christ be Lord of their lives, (time, talents, and treasures) - Rom 12:1-2



Then, it will be “more blessed to give, than to receive” - Acts 20:34-45

CONCLUSION



Satan attacks in the realm of our thinking, in his attempt to 'unplug' us from the power of God's Word. **Protect the Plug!!**