



May 8, 2016
Mother's Day
Celebration · 9:00 am
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Making the Most of My Work Ephesians 4:28

"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need."

The Wrong Way to Gain Money

"He who steals must steal no longer..."

- Do not steal from people.
 - Our Employers: Deuteronomy 25:13-16; Proverbs 11:1; Deuteronomy 24:14; James 5:4
 - Our Government: Romans 13:6-7; Matthew 22:15-22
 - Our Employees: Ecclesiastes 9:10; Proverbs 13:4; Leviticus 19:13; Jeremiah 22:13; Matthew 25:14-30
- Do not steal from God. Malachi 3:8-10; Acts 5:1-11

The Right Way to Gain Money

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Why we work hard:

- To reflect the grace of God by doing more than expected. 1 Corinthians 15:10
- To share the gospel with no ulterior motive. 1 Thessalonians 2:9
- To be an example of an orderly life as a Christian. 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12
- To model the disciplined life so others will follow. 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13
- To sacrifice for others even when not appreciated. 1 Corinthians 4:11-14

The Reason We Gain Money

"...so that he will have something to share with one who has need."

Acts 2:42-47, Acts 20:35

Three priorities of the Bible for sharing:

- Share with family. 1 Timothy 5:8
- Share with the poor. Galatians 2:10; 6:10; 1 John 3:17-18
- Share with a church ministry. 2 Corinthians 8:1-6

Digging Deeper:

As we have seen in previous verses in Ephesians 4, Paul continues with his theme of instructing what not to do, and then what we should do instead and then offer a rationale for why we should obey that command.

Ephesians 4:28

- **Do not steal: He who steals must steal no longer;**
- **Do work hard: but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good,**
- **So you will be able to share with others in need: so that he will have something to share with one who has need.**

LifeGroup Discussion:

The front of this outline describes areas where we may steal. This is important because most of us probably would not think of stealing from a bank, but those areas may be ways we are stealing now. Review those verses and discuss how they impact your lives.

We are called to labor hard for our money. The word means to work to the point of weariness.

- What is our warning in Proverbs 13:4? Have you ever had that problem? When?
- Even when you are mistreated at work, what should be your work ethic in 1 Corinthians 4:11-14? That is pretty tough to do. Has that been a struggle for you?
- Why are you called to work hard in 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12? In other words, who are we to behave properly towards?
- Why should you work hard in 2 Thessalonians 3:7-8?
- If someone is not working but is able to work, what should be our goal for them in 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13?

Below are three priorities from the Bible in which we are to share our finances. Evaluate how you are doing this:

- Share with family. 1 Timothy 5:8
- Share with the poor. Galatians 2:10; 6:10; 1 John 3:17, 18
- Share with a church ministry. 2 Corinthians 8:1-6

Since this is Mother's Day, notice the role of one mother and her work in Proverbs 31:13-22. Because of her diligence, how should the family honor her according to Proverbs 31:28-31? How can you do that today?

Next Steps:

1. **Join a LifeGroup.** LifeGroups are a primary way to get connected with other people here at Calvary. They meet both on Sundays here on campus and in people's homes. For more info, visit calvarylife.org/lifegroups
2. **Attend the Wednesday night series, "Great Authors of the Faith"** on Wednesday nights in May from 7:00-8:30 pm in Samsvick Chapel. We will be studying the life and works of the great writers like A.W. Tozer, Brennan Manning and Tim Keller. Each night, a different Calvary Pastor will share how that night's writer has impacted their lives. Come grow in your faith as we learn from these great authors together. Find out more at calvarylife.org
3. **Take a night out as a couple and attend "We Choose Love" Dessert + Date Night at the brand new Ritz Ballroom at the Yost Theatre in Santa Ana.** Join us on Tuesday, May 24, at 7pm as we partner with Tyrone and Elina Wells and our friends from Marriage365 for a night out to grow closer together in our relationships. Register online at wechoose.love