

## COMMANDMENT #8: HIGHWAY ROBBERY

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Read Proverbs 21:2-6, Ephesians 4:28

**"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15**



Robert Robinson, his wife Robin, and their son Robby were driving along, hoping to enjoy a weekend away. "Guess what!" Robin said. "Mimi Klepto next door just loaned me a bunch of computer disks and told me to copy anything I want onto our hard drive. Oh, and Mimi also loaned me some videos to copy. That stuff would cost us a fortune if we had to buy it at the store."

"Sounds great!" smiled Robert. Then he patted his wallet and said, "The Johnsons paid me cash for the work I did on their kitchen. That's another 400 dollars the government won't have to know about when we do our tax forms."

The family stopped at a restaurant and enjoyed a fine meal. It tasted even better when Robert looked at the bill: they'd been undercharged by ten dollars. "If they don't know how to add," he chuckled, "that's their problem, not mine." The Robinsons then checked into a motel and charged the room to a company expense account.

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The next morning they went to an amusement park. Kids under age ten got in for less money. Robby, age eleven, looked small for his age, so his mom said, "Tickets for two adults and one nine-year-old, please."

Just then Robin's purse was torn out of her hand. She screamed, "Stop! Thief!" Robert raced after the purse snatcher but soon returned, emptyhanded. He panted, "The guy got away. What a lowlife! They ought to throw robbers like that in jail and throw away the key!"

PRAYER--Lord, we're quick to notice when others wrong us but slow to see our own sins. Forgive us. Help us stop stealing and do honest work, that we may share with those in need. Amen.