

## Day One – Recap of Ten Commandments: Lesson 8

I trust that you've gathered the general thrust of this week's message: faithfulness to God will be reflected in faithfulness toward a spouse. I hope that you've come to notice this as a recurring theme in God's Word. Every detail of our lives is to be lived *coram deo* - before the face of God. This is why we don't commit idolatry or commit adultery...or fudge on our taxes or drive at excessive speeds or whatever. The Ten Commandments are all about *integrity*, a word which is thrown about wantonly but really does hit the nail on the head. We have to be the same men and women whether we are standing before God, before men, or even just before our own souls.

Speaking of spouses, I wanted to take a brief moment and say that Carman and I miss you all very much. There are a lot of really exciting opportunities to serve (and perhaps even plant a church!) popping up around us, but we still want to come back to CCC! Carman got an enviable position at a brand new school. God is faithful and it looks like we'll be able to eat for the next few years!

Sorry for the brevity of the recap this week, but I have to admit that my well does tend to fluctuate a good bit. I guess this was just a shallow week.

JUST OBEY THE COMMANDMENT AND YOU'LL BE IN GOOD SHAPE!

## Day Two – Read Proverbs 30:7-9

Why is the writer asking God not to give him either poverty or riches? What is dangerous about both? (What heart attitude is a temptation for both the rich and the poor?)

What does this proverb say could be the result of having too much or not enough? What heart attitudes are reflected in these two actions?

How is stealing breaking the third commandment?

What state of wealth is the writer asking for? What does this show about his heart? Is this a wise request?

**Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12**

Why will the person who loves money never be satisfied?

What does this passage say is so foolish about loving money?

**Day Three – Read Deuteronomy 8:7-20**

What was God going to do for Israel?

What would life be like for the Israelites in Canaan?

Of what was God warning Israel?

How is this passage like Proverbs 30:7-9, which you read yesterday?

Where does wealth come from?

What is the consequence forgetting God?

**Read: Jeremiah 2:26-28**

Did Israel listen to God's warning and obey him?

How good are idols of the heart when we are in real trouble? Why?

## **Day Four – Read Luke 16:19-30**

What was the rich man like?

What was Lazarus like?

What did Lazarus want? Did the rich man have enough to share with Lazarus?

What happened to both men?

What was life after death for the rich man like? What was life after death for Lazarus like?

What requests did the rich man ask for Abraham? Could Abraham give the rich man what he wanted?

What can you learn from this story?

## **Day Five – Read Proverbs 20:10, 11:1; Leviticus 19:13**

What does the word “abomination” mean?

What are these verses saying?

What are other forms of stealing?

## **Day Six – Read Ephesians 4:28**

What does Paul tell us to do rather than to steal?

Why should we work? (Look at the words “so that”.)

What of heart attitude must we have in order to work so that we can share with others?

### **Read: Acts 20:35**

What does “it is more blessed to give than to receive” mean?

Why is it more blessed to give than to receive? What can you give? Who do you know that is in need? Is there something you can give to them or do to help them?