

## **DA22. Not Robbing or Stealing from Our Neighbors.**

*We are not to rob or steal from our neighbors.*

DA22a: *We are not to rob our neighbors.*

DA22b: *We are not to steal from our neighbors..*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 23:25

*Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.*

Mark 10:19

*You know the mitzvot- 'Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't give false testimony, don't defraud, honor your father and mother,..*

1 Corinthians 6:10

*.. who steal, who are greedy, who get drunk, who assail people with contemptuous language, who rob- none of them will share in the Kingdom of God.*

Ephesians 4:28

*The thief must stop stealing; instead, he should make an honest living by his own efforts. This way he will be able to share with those in need.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 19:18

Luke 18:20

Romans 2:21, 13:9

1 Corinthians 1:17, 6:10

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA03 Not Harming Our Neighbor

DA25 Not Defrauding Our Neighbor

DA35 Not Extorting Our Neighbor

DA45 Not Sinning Against Our Brother or Neighbor

DA51 Not Being Mean to One Another

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### Genesis 42:36

*Ya'akov their father said to them, "You have robbed me of my children! Yosef is gone, Shim'on is gone, now you're taking Binyamin away- it all falls on me!"*

### Leviticus 19:11

*Do not steal from, defraud or lie to each other.*

### Leviticus 19:13

*Do not oppress or rob your neighbor; specifically, you are not to keep back the wages of a hired worker all night until morning.*

### Deuteronomy 5:17(19)

*Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.*

### Psalms 62:11(10)

*Don't put your trust in extortion, don't put false hopes in robbery; even if wealth increases, don't set your heart on it.*

### Jeremiah 23:30

*"So, I am against the prophets," says ADONAI, "who steal my words from each other.*

### Isaiah 10:1-2

*Woe to those who enact unjust decrees and draft oppressive legislation to deprive the impoverished of justice and rob my people's poor of their rights, looting widows and preying on orphans!*

### Ezekiel 22:29

*The people of the land have extorted, robbed, wronged the poor and needy and unjustly oppressed foreigners.*

### Malachi 3:5

*Then I will approach you for judgment; and I will be quick to witness against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers; against those who take advantage of wage-earners, widows and orphans; against those who rob the foreigner of his rights and don't fear me," says ADONAI-Tzva'ot.*

## **Comment**

In modern vernacular, "stealing" is the stealthy taking from another something that does not belong to us, whereas "robbery" is the taking of what does not belong to us by the use of force. The biblical translations do not seem to make that distinction and apply both terms "robbery" and "stealing" as simply the unlawful taking something of value from another. In Scripture, the value of that which is taken is not necessarily something monetary, but can be such things as

children (Genesis 42:36), rights (Isaiah 10:1-2 and Malachi 3:5), words (Jeremiah 23:30), power (1 Corinthians 1:17), etc.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

C01 Being Fair & Honest in Business

M06 Committing Theft or Robbery