

Stealing

Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15

When we think of the Ten Commandments, one that comes to mind is “Thou shalt not steal.” We may say piously, “Why I would never take something that was not mine.” We think of robbing a store or our neighbor’s house and we are appalled.

There is another area of theft that we are less likely to deny. That is stealing of time, specifically time to worship God. Are we spending adequate time with the Lord? The Psalmist says, “O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth” (Psalm 96:9). Is the time we set apart to spend communing with God adorned with the beauty of holiness? Or is it a rush job of reading a verse and uttering a quick prayer.

We are also admonished to “O let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker” (Psalm 95:6). Do we worship God in a spirit of humility, one that exalts Him and honors Him?

I am saddened when I realize how my life lacks that precious time with the LORD. I am afraid I replace worship with getting good things done. I am troubled that my primary thoughts are about my “to do” list and not about bowing at His feet, adoring my Savior, and communing, just loving my LORD.

There is a line of a song that keeps running through my mind convicting me about how I have robbed God of worship. This is my prayer, “I am coming back to the heart of worship and it’s all about YOU, God. It’s all about YOU.”