

7th COMMANDMENT:

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

1. Describe a time in your life when something you valued was stolen from you. What happened? How did you feel? What did you do about it?

2. The Seventh Commandment forbids stealing. In this list circle the one you think is the worst violation of this commandment; underline the one you think is most common. Double underline the one you think is most common among teenagers.

loafing on the job	theft	purse snatching
cheating on a test	pick pocket	armed robbery
underpaying workers	swindling	overpricing goods
cheating on a paper	gambling	copying a video
cheating on income tax	burglary	false advertising
charging 25% interest	shoplifting	copying music from Internet

3. Read **Amos 8:4-8**. In this passage, Amos tells how the merchants cheat their customers by fixing their scales. They made the ephah (the measure they used for grain) smaller and weighted down the scale to get more shekels (money). What was God's word of judgment against those who cheat the poor in verse 7?

4. According to Luther's Small Catechism (page 199 in *The Lutheran Handbook*), if we are not supposed to steal and cheat, what exacted are we supposed to do?

