



PROPERTY CRIME

Arson, robbery, embezzlement, larceny, extortion

IF GOD LOVES US AND WANTS TO PROTECT US FROM HARMING OURSELVES OR OTHERS, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE.

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VERSES (Old Testament)

Exodus 22:6 - If a fire breaks out & ignites the field, and if any standing or stacked grain or the field are burned or consumed, the guilty party must pay the damages.

Exodus 20:15 - Don't steal.

Deut. 8:18 - Remember what God said, "It is I who gives you the power to earn & have wealth so that I will (as I promised) be able to bless you in all that you do."

Psalms 10:2 - The wicked person in his pride persecutes & abuses the poor; they will be caught in their evil plans.

Psalms 62:10 - Do not trust in oppression not stupidly put your future hopes in robbery.

Proverbs 28:19 - He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who lives foolishly and dishonestly will only know poverty.

Isaiah 61:8 - I, the LORD, love justice. I hate robbery ..

Hosea 4:2 - By swearing, lying, killing, stealing, committing adultery, you are uncontrollably heading for harm & bloodshed.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is required of a person who causes a damaging fire? _____
2. What does God say about stealing? ____
3. If God gives us the power to earn and succeed, does He need us to steal and cheat others? _Y_N
4. What will happen if you continue to steal from others? _____
5. Is it a fair statement that if we use our own dishonest schemes to get money & goods, we are rejecting God's involvement in our lives? _Y_N
6. What should we NOT trust in to give us a happy & healthy future? _____
7. A hard, honest worker has what promise from God? _____
8. What kind of a life will a foolish and dishonest person end up with? _____
9. God hates _____.
10. God loves _____.
11. In your opinion, if a dishonest person (thief, etc.) expects others to treat him or her with justice (the fair and correct way), how can that same thief explain his or her actions to hurt or steal from someone & at the same time, not be treating that person with justice?

12. Where does this uncontrollable killing, stealing & sexual assaults lead us? _____