



From the Bible

IMPACTING A VICTIM SERIES

PROPERTY CRIME

Judas Iscariot - John 12:6

1. I knew an inmate at a certain prison several years ago who told me he would get up in the morning for work. On his way to work, he would rob a liquor store. He said he didn't need the money; he just liked the excitement of getting away with it. Can you explain this? _____

2. If you ever stole from people or stores, why do you do it?

3. While you were stealing, did you ever think of the risk to you and the loss to the people and their lives? Explain. _____
4. It is certainly possible that Judas Iscariot was never a believer. However, does that mean that non-believers commit crimes & believers do not? Explain.

5. Judas could hide his intentions by being "one of the twelve". (John 6:71) Have you ever covered your crimes with the groups you belonged to? Explain.

6. Judas could hide his intentions by "why not sell & give to the poor?" (Jn. 12:4) Have you ever covered your crimes with the business dealings you have going? Explain.

7. In Mark 14:10 & Luke 22:3, Judas will get money betraying Jesus by figuring out the **best opportunity** or the **most convenient time**. Have we become so cold and ruthless that we plan the most convenient opportunity to take the property of other people? What has happened to many of us? Do we consider the victims? Please comment. _____

8. It appears that Judas had no interest in spreading the Gospel; he had no concern for helping the poor; he had no interest in the Kingdom of God. He wanted a kingdom on earth run by Jesus where he would have a leadership role. What did Judas want more than anything? (John 12:6; 12:4; Lk. 22:3) _____
9. We all need to make a living; we all need to pay our expenses; we all need to be responsible, faithful, and honest. In your opinion, how should we all do that?

