



*"You must not steal."*  
 Exodus 20:15 (NLT)

**THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO STEAL**

<b>Property/Money</b>	<b>Not <u>Returning</u> Items</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b><u>Credit</u></b>	<b>Attention</b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>

**PEOPLE STEAL TO GET AHEAD, ONLY LATER TO FIND OUT THAT  
 THEY'LL LOSE IT ALL.**

*"We don't put up with thieves, not even with one who steals for something to eat. And thieves who get caught must pay back seven times what was stolen and lose everything."*  
 Proverbs 6:30-31 (CEV)

**HOW TO GET AHEAD, WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS  
 FALLING BEHIND**

(aka - How To Create A Stimulus Package Of Your Own)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:11-12 & Ephesians 4:28

**1. DO AWAY WITH THE DISTRACTIONS.**

*"Make it your goal to live a quiet life..."*  
 1st Thessalonians 4:11a (NLT)

**2. DO AWAY WITH THE DRAMA.**

*"...minding your own business..."*  
 1st Thessalonians 4:11b (NLT)

**3. DO AWAY WITH THE EXCUSES.**

*"...working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others."*  
 1st Thessalonians 4:11c-12 (NLT)

**4. COMMIT TO BEING HONEST IN ALL YOUR DEALINGS.**

*"If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work..."*  
 Ephesians 4:28a (NLT)

**5. COMMIT TO BEING GENEROUS.**

*"... and then give generously to others in need."*  
 Ephesians 4:28b (NLT)