

Notes for SS 9-4

“Children of light” Part 3

Stop Stealing from Your Kingdom Opportunities

(Ephesians 4:28)

*28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

*Ephesians 4:28*

- \* Cheating on taxes
- \* Cutting corners at work
- \* Long coffee breaks

***Sin-Trying to get your needs met apart from God***

***\* The most detrimental thievery we could ever do is our constant attempt to commit a coup in the kingdom of God***

***\* How can you advance the kingdom of God with rhythm’s and agendas that have nothing to do with Him***

***\* How can the world around you experience wholeness, redemption and healing when the creeds etched on our heart proclaim “Live your best life now, follow YOUR bliss, follow YOUR truth, you do YOU boo”***

*18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

*Matthew 15:18-19*

**19** The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

*Galatians 5:19-25*

**5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.

**6** So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

*Hebrews 13:5-6*

**9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

*John 10:9-10*

**Let us run hard toward the agendas, rhythms, and Heart of God. Let us embrace both blessing and suffering in our Journey for He walks beside us, and glorifies Himself every step of the way.**

**We proclaim and advance God's Kingdom, as Paul did in Acts 17 when the philosophers of Athens asked "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"**

*22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.*

*24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.*

*Acts 17:22-28*

***No more coups, No more Stealing***