

## 1 Corinthians 6 (11-28-10)

## EXTORTIONERS!

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:8** Nay, ye do wrong, and **defraud, and that your brethren.**

10 Nor **thieves**, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, **nor extortioners**, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

**Malachi 3:8** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me...

**Leviticus 19:13** Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him...

**Exodus 20:15** Thou shalt not steal.

**Isaiah 1:23** Thy princes are rebellious, and companions **of thieves**...

**Proverbs 29:24** Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul...

**Proverbs 22:22** Rob not the poor, because he is poor...

**Matthew 21:13** And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a **den of thieves**.

**Jeremiah 7:9** **Will ye steal**, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a **den of robbers** in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

**Isaiah 61:8** For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering...

**Jeremiah 2:26** As the thief is ashamed when he is found...

**Proverbs 6:31** But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

**1 Peter 4:15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, **or as a thief**, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

**Ephesians 4:28** Let him that stole **steal no more: but rather let him labour**, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

**Zechariah 5:3** Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for **every one that stealeth shall be cut off**...

**Proverbs 21:7** The **robbery of the wicked** shall **destroy** them...

**Revelation 9:21** Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, **nor of their thefts.**

*Extortion:*

"...the act or practice of wresting any thing from a person by force, duress [threats, etc.]...[or wrong use of] authority...Force or illegal compulsion by which any thing is taken from a person."

(*Webster's*, 1828)

"To draw by force...to gain by violence or oppression...Force by which any thing is unjustly taken away."

(*Johnson's Dictionary*, 1755)

**Ezekiel 22:12**...and thou hast **greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion**, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

**Luke 19:2** And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and **if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation**, I restore him fourfold.

**Luke 3:14** And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, **Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely**; and be content with your wages.

**Micah 2:1** Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. 2 And they covet fields, and **take them by violence**; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

**Matthew 23:25** Woe unto you, scribes and **Pharisees**, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are **full of extortion** and excess.

**Luke 18:11** The **Pharisee** stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, **extortioners**, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

**1 Corinthians 5:11** But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, **or an extortioner**; with such an one no not to eat.

"...every man that makes a prey of his advantage upon his neighbour's necessities, to force from him more than in reason and conscience, according to the present prices of things such commodity is worth, may very well be called an extortioner...it is a making a prey of the necessity of the poor, it is a grinding of their faces, a buying and selling of them." (*John Bunyan's Works*)

**Proverbs 22:16** He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and **he that giveth to the rich**, shall surely come to want.

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