Scripture References:

Ephesians 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

I Timothy 6:17-18 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

Romans 12:8 Owe no one anything.

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back.

Proverbs 18:9 He also who is slack in his work is brother to him who destroys.

Romans 13:7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due.

II Thessalonians 3:10-12 Even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

I. Six Ways we steal

1. C____________________ theft. Some of the most frequent involve:
   a. Stealing from e____________________
   b. Stealing from p____________________
   c. Stealing from the d____________________ and i____________________

2. Unjust b________________________ practices

3. Failure to ______________ what you ______________

4. Lazy or sorry ______________________

5. Failure to pay ______________________

6. G____________________________ theft, which can include stealing from:
   a. Our c____________________
   b. ______________________

II. Two Contrasting Attitudes

A. The Attitude of R____________________________ which directs us to w____________________

B. The attitude of g____________________ or c____________________