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2. No idolatry
3. Do not take God's name in vain
4. Remember the sabbath
5. Honor your father and mother
6. Do not murder
7. Do not commit adultery

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Exodus 20

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Proverbs 1

- ⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
⁹ for they are a graceful garland for your head
and pendants for your neck.
¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.

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- 11 If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood;
let us ambush the innocent without reason;
12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive,
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;
13 we shall find all precious goods,
we shall fill our houses with plunder;
14 throw in your lot among us;
we will all have one purse” —

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- 15** my son, do not walk in the way with them;
hold back your foot from their paths,
16 for their feet run to evil,
and they make haste to shed blood.
- 17** For in vain is a net spread
in the sight of any bird,
18 but these men lie in wait for their own blood;
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Narrow forms of theft in Scripture

1. Property theft, normally requiring double restitution (Ex. 22:4, 7)
2. Kidnapping or manstealing, a capital crime (Ex. 21:16; Deut. 24.7; 1 Tim. 1:10)
3. Swindling (Jer. 22:13-17; Amos 8:4-6; Hab. 2:9-12)
4. Stealing from widows and orphans, which is especially heinous (Matt. 23:14)
5. Defrauding employees (James 5:4)
6. Land theft (Isa. 5:8)
7. Unjust weights (Lev. 19:35-36; Deut. 25:15)
8. Misleading someone for economic gain (Prov. 20:14)

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Proverbs 19

¹⁷ Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
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Acts 2

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Go crazy!

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2 Corinthians 9

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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