

Fairness
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This Christian writing deals with the important topic of fairness and how it relates to our Christian life.

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Preface

In this book, we are going to be considering the important subject of fairness. Let me give you a little background into how this message came into being. I was seeking out the Lord about a topic He desired me to preach on. I was invited to be the guest minister at a local church that morning. It was Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, 2005. The church was a parish of a Nigerian-based denomination called the Redeemed Christian Church of God. The particular church was the Living Faith Sanctuary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pastor Michael Lipede had been so gracious as to allow me to preach at the church on several occasions.

God dropped the title of this message, *Fairness*, into my spirit, only after He challenged me to make sure I was obedient to Him. God had instructed me to ask 3 people in attendance at the church service that morning to pick a topic for me to preach on, and then have the people vote on which one of the three topics they wanted me to preach about. I was then to immediately start preaching on that topic the instant they told me the topic they had selected.

Now I am all for spontaneous preaching, and God has seen fit to bless me with a gift for that, but this test from God seemed a bit out of the ordinary. But I believed God so much that I didn't question Him about this, as I knew He had spoken this instruction to me, and I agreed on the spot that I would do as He had instructed.

Seemingly instantly, God told me that my topic for the message I was about to give would be *Fairness* instead. He was apparently testing me to see if I was willing to do something that might seem strange to the people. Since I agreed to follow His instructions, about asking the people at the church to pick the topic I was to preach about, I believe God was pleased.

He brought to my memory how He tested Abraham's obedience with sacrificing Isaac on the altar. As the knife was about to be plunged into his son's heart, God changed the instruction to Abraham. God sent an angel to instruct Abraham not to kill the boy. God provided a ram in the thicket instead as an alternate. I am not comparing myself to Abraham, but only to the similarity in the situations of God responding to obedience and changing an instruction that initially appeared unusual.

My heart leapt with joy. I thanked God for entrusting this message to me. God started showing and speaking this message to me. I saw the complete picture. There were fewer than 90 minutes to go before the start of the Sunday morning church service, but I knew that God would be faithful, and that whatever message He wanted me to preach He would give to me. I trusted Him that morning, and I trust Him still today. I now want to share the important message He gave me with you.

To Be Believed

Everyone wants to be believed. I don't know of a single person who likes to be doubted. Doubt and accusations bring a person's name and reputation into question. The attackers of one's integrity only want to see that person fail. They are usually jealous or envious of that person, and are trying to taint them and bring them down. One of the biggest ways to demoralize a person is to attack their faithfulness.

Husbands and wives may accuse their spouses of cheating. A person in a position of trust with children may be accused of saying or doing something inappropriate with a child. Couples going through divorce proceedings may bring a false accusation to get custody of the children and more of the marital assets. Lies and scandal are common tools of the person making accusations.

In America, we have a justice system where you are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt for criminal accusations. It is a shame that more people don't apply that same standard to both God and their fellow man.

Is our society so caught up in the instant gratification of spreading salacious gossip and rumors that we have discarded our moral and civic duties about how we are to treat others? All it often takes is one person bringing up unsubstantiated accusations of impropriety to potentially ruin a person's career or business. Their reputation can literally be "shot" overnight.

Is that fair? Of course not. But that's the subject of this book — fairness. We are going to inspect our society, and God, for fairness.

Fairness

"You're so unfair" is often a favorite statement made by a child or teenager to a parent when they don't get their way. They are trying to control their parent. When you attack someone's fairness, you are bringing their truthfulness into judgment. You are questioning the very fiber and substance of their moral being. You are saying they are a liar and untruthful, and implying they are using an unfair method of measure or a "double standard." You are saying that you don't believe them.

Life is not fair. Life is the combination of the choices that all people make that affect you and everyone around you. We are responsible for our own actions. If you injure someone, you are responsible for the damage you caused them. You are to help, and not hinder, others in their "walk" through life.

God is not a respecter of persons. He designed the world and the laws in the universe to protect and bless us. The Garden of Eden was a special home for Adam and Eve created by God to be a place where they could commune with God and receive instruction from Him. Due to the disobedience that occurred there, where the devil tricked Eve into basically doubting God, the door was opened up for all kinds of rebellion and mistrust of God to exist. Satan accused God of being unfair to Adam and Eve, and not sharing with them the knowledge of good and evil. He said that they would become like gods if they were to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree.

It is a classic case of someone saying that God wasn't fair to another person. We see it all the time today. The fruit of that rebellion and disobedience launched this whole world into chaos and turmoil. Adam and Eve accepted a lie, instead of the truth, about God. In a sense, they were accusing God of being unfair by withholding certain knowledge from them.

Doesn't this sound like the case where a child accuses their parents of not allowing them to stay out late or watch a certain movie? You will likely hear the word "unfair" fall from their lips repeatedly. They might try to badger their parents with accusations of unfairness until the parents relent. No one wants to be accused of being unfair.

God's Nature

Let me start off by saying that God is fair. Contrary to what many people are used to believing, God is not responsible or at fault for the sad state of affairs here on earth today. God gave control over the earth to Adam and his offspring. Because Adam and Eve believed a lie instead of the truth, and acted on this wrong information, we now find ourselves in a world that is not operating the way God ever intended it to operate. People are using their free will to make improper choices, which have detrimental effects on themselves and on society as a whole.

The enemy is still at work trying to deceive people into believing lies about God and God's nature. If we aren't careful, we can accept and believe these lies, as Adam and Eve did. The last thing you should ever believe is a lie. It will cause you to be separated from God. If you believe that lie long enough, you may be forever separated from God. It is not God's fault that bad things are happening here on earth today.

God does not condone or approve of people committing crimes, murder, and the like. **He is not responsible for our actions.** He has to permit what we allow. Otherwise we wouldn't have free will and couldn't choose our own destiny. He created all things, but He is not responsible for the conduct of parts of creation that have rebelled against Him. To accuse God of this would be like accusing the manufacturer of a tool of liability when someone used one of their tools improperly. The toolmaker is not responsible for the misuse of the tool by someone. He even gives us an instruction manual to help us live our lives properly. It is called the Bible.

In a way, our life apart from following God is like a series of misuses of the gifts and tools that God has given us. The enemy of our souls is trying to get as many people as possible to misuse the talents, gifts and other "tools" that God has given them. Instead of building each other up, some people seem to enjoy tearing other people down. They get jealous and envious over the good fortune of others. If someone sees another person getting blessed, they often allow a spirit of ridicule and judgment to tell them that the other person didn't deserve the blessing. They wage war against the person to try and bring them down, instead of being happy for the other person who is being blessed.

God is a giving God, and it is in His nature to bless those who follow after Him and serve Him (Matthew 7:11, Luke 11:13). In Matthew 7:11 we see that, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

The Bible says that we are to ask, seek and knock. We are to ask God for wisdom concerning any area that we need help with. See James 1:5, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

When we ask anything of God, we should ask in faith, nothing wavering (James 1:6). We can't rightfully ask anything of God if we have disbelief, distrust or accusations of unfairness toward God. That is why so many people have trouble these days. They might ask God, but not truly believe in Him.

Accusations Against God

The devil would like nothing better than for us to accuse God of something that isn't true. The Scripture tells us that it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrew 6:18). Therefore, how can people accuse God of being unfair? God says that He is a just and holy God. He also uses fair measures. So how can God rightfully be accused of being unfair by you or anyone else?

People call God's fairness into question whenever they attribute anything bad that happens here on earth to God. They are basically faulting God for bad things happening. Rape, murder, child molestation, abusive relationships, death, sickness, disease, poverty, financial hardship, unemployment, natural disasters, and starvation are just some of the things that people often blame God for. They usually ask a question of the form: “Why does God allow _____?” They fill in the blank with one or more of the above-mentioned things that God is commonly blamed for allowing.

Of course God has to allow all of these things. **He is not at fault for causing these things though.** God is the god of **free will**. Free will is a gift from God to every man and woman here on earth. He has to allow men to have free will; otherwise, He would have a creation made up of robots that only followed predestined scripts. He wants us to think, grow and flourish. He wants us to make wise choices in life. But if we choose to make bad choices, He must allow them also, otherwise He wouldn't be a fair god.

Unfortunately this world is not a fair place due to the choices that others have made. Those choices are **not God's fault**. But you can thrive in this world if you seek out God's wisdom and make good choices.

Birth

You can't choose your parents (as far as I know). We really don't know the how and why behind the process that decides which soul is born into a certain body and delivered to certain parents. Why is a baby born of a particular race? A particular country? The selection process is a mystery to us. Is it random or is there some design behind it? God knows, as He designed the process of selecting to whom a particular baby is born.

It is not our job to question why we were made one way instead of another. We must face the life we have been given, and rise above any problems or issues we may have with our gender, race, parents, birth country, or socio-economic level. Our “lot in life” is not restricted, as some people are taught to believe. I have seen numerous cases of people born into abject poverty in slums who rose and became well educated, whole and prosperous. Some people may seem to have it easier in life, but if that is the case, why is there such rampant depression among movie stars and rich people? Their money and popularity doesn't seem to buy them happiness.

I know many content people who don't have a lot of material riches. They have a type of peace that I believe only comes from God. You make choices in life, and God honors your choices. He may not approve of your choices, but He respects your right to make choices (your free will). If you are content to live on \$250 a month income, God can bless you through that.

Ultimately, it comes down to what you choose to allow, and how much you respect and believe in God. Your level of faith determines where you can soar to. If you dream big, and those dreams line up with the vision God has given you, He will have provisions waiting to take you to those new levels, as you demonstrate your trust in Him.

Too many people blame their life's circumstances, their birth parents, their upbringing and their lack of education for missed opportunities and lack of promotion in life. Instead of "crying over spilled milk," perhaps they should instead determine to not live in the same way they previously did. They should ask God for wisdom to break the chains of all bondages, addictions and snares that have limited them in their life. Stop blaming others for your life's problems, and choose to do something positive to fix your life.

Blame is a terrible crutch that will eat away at you. It may temporarily give you a better feeling about yourself, but it will start to destroy your relationships. You are basically trying to hold others responsible for your actions and your life. By shifting blame for things in your life to others, you are giving control over your life to others. Take back control of your life and start being responsible for your own actions.

Stop using excuses about the color of your skin, your race, your gender, how much money you have, your education, and who your parents are to explain away your circumstances in life. You are not the result of any of these things. True, these things may have influenced your upbringing, but you are not destined to stay influenced by these things. It is all a state of your mind. You choose what you allow to control you. Don't believe or rely on these excuses any longer. Trust and rely on Him who can save you from all that hinders you.

Your birth and upbringing may or may not have been fair, but life isn't fair, as it results from the choices of others. Choose not to engage in the "blame game" to explain away your "lot in life." Avoid the "woe is me" attitude, and start to rise above the fray of the things that go on here on earth. Take comfort from Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint."

Stealing Is Behind Unfairness

The accusation of stealing is one of the primary essences of a valid claim of unfairness. When someone steals, they take something for themselves that belongs to another. You can steal another person's time, money, property, possessions, and enjoyment of life. When you are fair to someone, you treat them properly and you respect who they are, not desiring any harm to come upon them. You want only God's best for their life. This is right and proper. Treat them the way you want them to treat you.

An evil intent is one where a person desires to take away from a person things they are not rightfully entitled to. God dislikes thieves and liars (John 10:10, 1 Peter 4:15), and doesn't want you to become one or act like

one. In fact, it matters so much to God that He recorded it as one of the Ten Commandments: “Thou shalt not steal.” (Exodus 20:15).

God doesn't take stealing lightly. Too often people are stealing from others. But the good news is that you can be forgiven for being a thief. Consider the two criminals (thieves) on the cross next to Jesus: one was forgiven for his crimes, and the other was not. It is all about attitude and respect for what God has already done for you. You can receive His grace and forgiveness, or continue doing wrong and reject Him. See my writing entitled *Presence of God* for more about what you need to do concerning repentance and receiving His salvation.

Gossip is a type of theft. It is stealing from another. If you engage in gossip, or tale-bearing, you are trying to steal the good reputation away from another to make yourself seem better. God will not hold you blameless for doing that.

Accusing someone incorrectly is a form of stealing and is unfair. Bearing false witness is one of the Ten Commandments we must abstain from as recorded in Exodus 20:16, “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.”

Desiring inappropriately, or wishing for enviously, is coveting something another person has. Likewise, so is coming up with a scheme to take something that belongs to another. It leads to wrong thoughts, stealing and possibly harming another. Coveting any property or possessions of another is also strictly prohibited in the Ten Commandments. In Exodus 20:17 we read, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.”

Love of Money Induces Stealing

The Bible warns us to avoid **the love of money**. It says in 1 Timothy 6:10, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” If you get caught up in the love of money, it becomes an idol in your life and replaces the rightful place that God should have in your life (see the First Commandment in Exodus 20:3-6).

Money is not wrong. Having money is not wrong. Money is a tool. Money is a vehicle of exchange for your time and talents. It is a tool for compensating or blessing others for solving problems in your life. Money is not evil, but the love of money is the root of all evil, and to be avoided at all costs.

How many people have been murdered over the love of money or a thing of value? We hear of cases where teenagers were killed because someone wanted the new pair of sneakers they were wearing. Is life regarded as having so little worth that one would kill another over a physical thing? How many people have murdered someone to receive an inheritance or a life insurance policy?

Stealing is fueled by the love of money. Get-rich-quick schemes are popular due to the love of money. In Proverbs 21:5 we see a warning against the get-rich-quick mentality: “The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.”

Thieves want money and things of value that they are not legally entitled to have. They think that if they can steal or take from another, it will profit them, and there will be no repercussions for their actions. They neglect the important principle of **cause and effect**. For every action there is a reaction. An example from the Bible is this: what you sow you shall reap. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7). The principle of sowing and reaping is shown throughout the Bible and operates in many areas of your life.

A criminal will eventually get caught, if not in this life, then when he appears before God to be judged. There are various kinds of judgments mentioned in the Bible. There is one called the Judgment Seat of Christ, mentioned in 2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.” There is another where people will be judged to see if their names are written in the book of life or not, called the Great White Throne Judgment, outlined in Revelation 20:11-15. It says in Revelation 20:15, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

We would be wise to “clean up” our life, and get straightened out here in this life, before facing the judgment of God. This is what should motivate every Christian: a love for people and a desire to help them experience freedom from all forms of entanglement and sin. We are not the judges of people, but rather an aid to help people see examples of the goodness of Christ. Check and see if the light of a good example of God’s freedom is shining forth from your life or if you are bringing a reproach unto God by your actions and lifestyle. Too many Christians are Christians in name only. Remember that the Bible says that faith without works is death (James 2:20,26).

The Door to Your Mind

Satan goes around like a door-to-door salesman, trying to peddle his wares to you. He knocks at the door of your mind, like a salesman or telemarketer, trying to force his way in, to wear you down, to get you to accept the thoughts and ideas that he is “selling.” Your job is to be a guardian of the door to your mind, and not to allow anyone or anything in that is contrary to the Word of God. You must protect your thoughts, your imagination and your dreams.

You are not responsible if you have bad thoughts, but rather if you entertain, accept or allow those thoughts to take a foothold in your mind. Thoughts and suggestions are much easier to deny permission to stay in your mind initially, than to try to get rid of them later, after they have grown and taken over control of more of your life. Whatever you embrace, your mind will help grow into fruition. That is why thoughts are so important. The enemy knows this, and uses thoughts on a regular basis to implant suggestions to derail your successful growth as a Christian.

Thoughts are so important to God. Here are some Scriptures that back up that fact:

Psalm 139:23-24: “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Proverbs 12:5: “The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.” and Proverbs 15:26: “The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: *but the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.”

Isaiah 55:8-9: “For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

God wants our thoughts to be established in Him: “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.” (Proverbs 16:3). We are not to allow our thoughts and affections to go after a false god or an idol. We are to put no person or thing above God.

What we think about shows what and whom we are interested in. Is God in our thoughts? How often? Do we give Him the honor, respect, thanksgiving and attention He deserves to receive from us?

The battle is for your mind. The enemy knows this and will fight to get you to receive thoughts that are contrary to God. Like the door-to-door salesmen or telemarketers, you must shut the door immediately, or else hang up the phone, without giving them a chance to try and convince you of something. Reject any thoughts or schemes they are peddling.

If you rebuke and reject the thoughts the devil has been trying to implant in your mind, they will wither up and die, unless you pick them back up and think on them. After a while, the enemy won't try as hard to waste his time trying to get you to accept his thoughts. He will likely turn his resources toward another person instead. The more of the Presence of God that resides within you, the less it seems the devil can try to influence your thoughts, due to God's protection that comes from your abiding with Him (Psalm 91).

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” (Jeremiah 29:11).

Taking Advantage of Others

The world's history is full of examples of various kinds of people who were mistreated and taken advantage of by others. Whether it was a racial, political, social, religious or monetary reason, the fact remains that people have mistreated their fellow man.

God tells us we are to work to treat our neighbor in a loving way, the way we ourselves would want to be treated by others. Respect, kindness and fairness should be shown to others. No one likes to be mistreated or taken advantage of. That doesn't mean that we have to like the actions and behavior of everyone here on earth. God knows that there are people you should avoid and have nothing to do with. They take from you and only serve to bring you down. But, on the other hand, we must be careful not to exclude people from our lives without merit. In no situation should we mistreat or take advantage of others.

Jesus talked about this topic in Scripture in Luke 10:27: “And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” Also, Romans 13:9: “For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill,

Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Unfortunately, there are many people who disobey God’s commands concerning how they should treat others. People can be motivated by various lusts, including that of greed. They seem to be willing to mistreat and exploit anyone they possibly can, so as to financially improve their lives. These are usually very selfish people who don’t mind engaging in all kinds of practices.

You can’t force others to change their actions. You can only control your own actions. When you choose to act in fairness toward others, you will be positively affecting the people around you. You are not responsible for the actions of others. You are only responsible for your own actions, words and thoughts. God is always watching to see how you conduct yourself.

Don’t let others put you down or take advantage of you. Ask God for wisdom in how to best deal with difficult people in your life. You must embrace who you are, and strive to become the person that God has destined you to be. Love Him, seek His assignment and purpose for your life, and seek His help on how to best fulfill that assignment.

Just because you were mistreated, that doesn’t give you the right to mistreat or take advantage of others. That would only serve to perpetuate the inflicting of pain and torment on others. God wants us to break out of the vicious cycle of abuse and mistreatment. We are to be free to serve Him and to treat others in a fair and proper manner. When we start treating others better, normally we will start to see other people treat us better. What we sow, we shall also reap. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7).

The reason people take advantage of others usually has to do with greed or envy on their part.

Power of Greed

“So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.” (Proverbs 1:19).

Greed causes corruption. Another word for greed is “avarice.” It is defined in the dictionary as excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain. Greed does not care who it treats unfairly, as long as its goal of increase of wealth is satisfied. Greed is like a raging lion that constantly needs to be fed, yet is rarely satisfied with what it has.

Greed has the power to lure people who are engaged in it to do some of the most reprehensible things. People have killed others out of greed. They have put others into bondage or slavery. Greed controls others. Greed fosters lies, false witnesses, covetousness, gossip, slander and the like.

My best advice is to stay as far away from greed as possible. It will surely be a snare unto you, and also will become an idol that you regard with more importance than your relationship with God. It will literally suck your life away from you as detailed in the above Scripture verse.

Greed is the companion which ushers you into a mindset of the love of money. Once you allow greed to take over your mind and your thoughts, the love of money will start kicking in. You will have opened up the door to loosing all kinds of evil thoughts, desires and actions into your life.

Fairness to Others

This brings us to the solution to greed, the love of money, and stealing from others: fairness.

When you treat other people with fairness, it establishes a good working environment where healthy and proper relationships can prosper. People want to be around other people who are fair with them and who respect them. When someone senses they are being manipulated or treated unfairly by another, they usually desire to flee from that relationship. They don't want to submit themselves to that kind of bondage or pain.

No one that I know of will publicly say that they want to be mistreated. Yet many people stay in an abusive or unhealthy relationship for years due to various fears that may have been deposited within them. Controlling another person is unfair to them. If they don't willingly want to be around you, then you shouldn't try to manipulate them to stay.

God never tries to force people to accept or serve Him. He gives us the free will to choose whether we want to serve Him or reject Him. He asks certain things of us out of His loving nature, but He never forces His will upon us, contrary to what many men will attempt to do.

You will know when you are in a relationship full of fairness when you know that you are being treated properly.

Have you ever been caught in the act of stealing something? Did your conscience ever tell you that stealing was wrong and convict you of your thought to steal something? You likely felt this way because you knew deep inside that stealing was unfair to the store or person from whom you were about to steal something. God will often send messages through your conscience, if you are open to receive them, warning you not to do things that are wrong. It is up to you whether you will heed and obey these messages, or reject them.

As I stated earlier, people are responsible for their actions. You cannot stand blameless before God and tell Him you never knew that you shouldn't do this or that wrong thing. Many people think that life is unfair and that God is unfair. I agree that life is unfair due to people's flaws, mistakes and choices. But God is never unfair. In fact, fairness is part of His nature.

The devil gains a foothold in the control of your life when you begin to believe the lie that God is unfair. Once you make one or more of the statements outlined in the *Accusations Against God* section of this writing, you are ripe to lose God's protection, and instead gain the devil as a partner in the running of your life.

God will not remain an active partner in your life if He is not wanted, or if you accuse Him of being unfair. Now, hopefully, you can see the importance that God places on fairness, and why you must strive to treat both God and others in the fairest way possible. The Bible is full of verses that deal with this subject about

the goodness and fairness of God. You should treat others as you would want to be treated. Since no one wants to be treated unfairly, it follows that you shouldn't treat others unfairly either.

Summary

Whether you are in business, ministry, or relationships with others, you must always strive to exhibit fairness in every aspect of your life. **Your conduct shows the character of God that is within you.** If you act in a manner that disrespects others, or is unfair in any way, you will be remembered for that. That is your testimony.

Our goal as Christians is to have a good testimony that is pleasing to God. We should strive for others to see God's goodness in our life. After all, we are His ambassadors here on earth (2 Corinthians 5:20). What you do and say affects everybody else around you, either positively or negatively. The choice is up to you in what manner you wish to portray yourself to others.

Examine your lifestyle and actions, and ask God to show you any areas in which you may be stealing from others or being unfair. If you violate the law, such as illegally copying music or videos, that is stealing. You might not think it is a big thing, but in God's eyes, stealing is stealing. Check your conduct and your conscience. Ask God for instructions on how to become a totally fair and godly person in everything you do and in all areas of your life.