

You Shall not Steal

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“You shall not steal”

▪ What is stealing?

The meaning of stealing is given in the dictionary like this.

"Take (another person's property) without permission or legal right and without intending to return it".

_This comes under the ten commandments given to Moses by the Lord.

Exo 20:15 “You shall not steal.

Lev 19:11 ““You shall not steal.

Deu 5:19 “You shall not steal.

▪ Stealing & Consequent Punishment in Bible

Stealing in Bible?

15 Ways of stealing & punishments

- 1. Exo 21:16 – kidnapping
punishment death
- Exo 21:16 "Whoever kidnaps a person, whether he has sold him or whether the victim is still in his possession, is surely to be put to death.
- Deu 24:7 "If a man is found kidnapping his relative, a fellow Israeli, and mistreats or sells him, that kidnapper must die. By doing this, you will remove this evil from among you.

- 2. Lev 6:1-7- Security lost
Restoration in full
- Lev 6:2-7 "A person sins against the LORD by acting treacherously toward his neighbor regarding something entrusted to his care.....lost and then lied about it, or if he makes a false oath about any of these things, thus committing a sin with respect to these things.
- “..... He is to restore it in full, add a fifth to it, then give to whom it belongs the very day he's found guilty.
- Then the priest is to make atonement for him in the LORD's presence, and it will be forgiven him regarding whatever he did.

- 3. Lev 19:11 –False dealing with neighbour

Lev 19:11 "You are not to steal or lie or deal falsely with your neighbor. Stealing

What is dealing falsely with neighbour?

Sub divisions

Stealing data from one's computer

pirate

Patent rights – Royalty

Using an office, place, room,

facility, object, books, labour,

of others, which one is not authorised to. Depending on its gravity this falls under stealing

- 3. Lev 19:11 –False dealing with neighbour

Getting seats for undeserving candidates by paying exorbitant bribes (fees) – thereby depriving the rights of deserving candidates

- Stealing the rights as children of God, suppressing them, & lording over them (in Building Churches)
- 3. Stealing – False dealing with neighbour
- Stealing flowers, plants, filling cans (wherever banned) from

taps of drinking water,

- Indifference in switching off fans, lights taps in places of public use.
- Taking corporation water through a private motor,
- Stealing electricity from public places
- Getting things from canteens on Army, Police, M. P. quotas at cheap rate and selling it outside for higher price (grocery, vehicles, electronic goods)
- Using vehicles and servants given to higher officials like IAS, Ministers, Police officials, for wrong purposes (family needs, giving their service to others)
- Letting, subletting Govt. quarters

- 4. Lev: 19:35-37 – False measuring, weight & quantity

Eze 45:10, 11-14 You're to use an honest scale, an honest dry measure, and an honest liquid measure!

Lev 19:35 -37 "You are not to act unjustly in deciding a case or when measuring weight and quantity.

- 4. False measuring in weight & quantity
- Deu 25:13-16 "Don't have different weights in your bag—one heavy and one light. Don't have different measuring devices in your house—one large and one small. You must have honest weights and measuring devices,....."
- Pro 11:1 The LORD hates false scales, but he delights in accurate weights.
- Mic 6: 11 Are the treasures of wickedness still in the house of the wicked, and the short measure that is hateful? Shall I count *those* with the wicked scales pure, and those with the bag of deceitful weights?

- 5. Job:20:19-22 Seizing houses which one has not built
Prosperity won't last, victim to any sort of attack, any time
- Job 20:19-22 because he has crushed and abandoned the poor; he has seized a house that he didn't build.
- "....., therefore his prosperity won't last., he suffers—everyone in any sort of trouble will attack him.

- 6. Pro:1:13-15, Filling houses with spoil. They lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives.(18)

Pro 1:13-15 We'll find all kinds of valuable wealth, and we'll fill our houses with spoil.

Throw your lot in with us, and all of us will have one purse."

My son, do not go along with them, and keep your feet away from their paths!

(Tirunelveli 80 lakhs)

- 7. Amo:3:10 treasures taken from others by violence

- Amo 3:10 Because they do not know how to act right," declares the LORD, "they are filling their strongholds with treasures that they took from others by violence into their fortified citadels."
- Amo 3:11 Therefore: "An adversary shall surround the land and bring down your defenses from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered."
- (Churches & Palaces built on the forcibly collected money)

- 8. Amo:8:4 Intending to make the poor of the land fail
Feasts will be turned into mourning; end bitter day!

Amo 8:4-6 "Hear this, you who are swallowing up the needy, who intend to make the poor of the land fail, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; and sell the chaff of the wheat?

Result?

(Sri Lankan Bomb blast on Easter Sunday)

- Amo 8:10
- Farmers problem & suicides in India

- 9. Mic 7:3 Ruler & Judge asking for bribes; Earth desolate

Mic 7:3 Both hands *are* on evil, to do *it* well. The ruler asks for a bribe, and the judge also; and the great man speaks the evil desire of his soul. So they weave it together.

Mic 7:13 But the earth will be desolate because of its inhabitants, for the fruit of their deeds.

- 10. Luk 3:13-14, 9; No forcible extortion - Content with wages
Every tree .. that does not bear good fruit cut down & thrown into the fire."

Luk 3:13-14 And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

(Gracy, Nancy's death Tvm)

- 11. 1Th 4:6 Do not exploit or take advantage of brother –sexual immorality; Lord avenges!
- 1Th 4:6 Furthermore, you must never take advantage of or exploit a brother in this regard, because the Lord avenges all these things, just as we already told you and warned you.
- Coveting the wife/husband of a brother and deceiving him/her

- 12. Exo 20:17 No coveting of others' wife, servant, herds or anything ...

Exo 20:17 "You are not to covet your neighbor's house. You are not to covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

- 13. Lev 19:13 Wages of a labourer not to remain in possession; The shout will reach the ears of the Lord
- Lev 19:13 "You are not to oppress your neighbor or rob him. "The wages of a hired laborer are not to remain in your possession until morning.
- Jas 5:4 Look! The wages that you kept back from the workers who harvested your fields are shouting out against you, and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of the Heavenly Armies.

- 14. Stealing from Father or Mother – sin – Companion of one who demolishes

- Pro 28:24 Whoever steals from his father or mother but claims, "It's no sin," is a companion to someone who demolishes.
- 15. Unjust gains earned – Short life
- Eze 22:13 "Watch out! I'm vehemently angry about the unjust gains that you've earned, and about the blood that has been shed among you.
- Pro 28:16 A Commander-in-Chief who is a cruel oppressor lacks understanding, but whoever hates unjust gain will live longer.
- Zec 5:3-4 - Punishment for stealing
- Zec 5:3 And he said to me, This *is* the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth; for from now on everyone who steals shall be cut off according to it;
- Zec 5:4 I will bring it forth, says Jehovah of Hosts; and it shall enter into the house of the thief,..... And it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall devour it, and its timber and its stones.

Punishments

Wherever not specifically mentioned, Deu 28:15 applicable

- Deu 28:15 "But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses Deu 28:16-68 shall come upon you and overtake you.
- Mat 15:19, Theft comes from human heart – It defiles a person (Body, soul & spirit)
Mat 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts
- Mat 19:18, New Testament command – Violation bring in all the curses of Deu 28:15
Mat 19:18 He said to Him, Which? Jesus said, You shall not , you shall not steal, ...
- Mat 21:13. Worshipping place found to be den of thieves – Jesus started whipping & toppling down money changing tables –
- Mat 21:13 And He said to them, It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer"; but you have made it a den of thieves.
(Churches –turned into den of thieves)
- 1Co 6:10 Thieves will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Co 6:9, 10 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the* kingdom of God? nor thieves, nor covetous,....., shall inherit *the* kingdom of God.
- Never be an idler, or a parasite on others. Eph 4:28; 2 The 3:6-12, 1Th 4:11; 1Ti5:13; 1Pe 4:15
- Eph 4:28 Let him who stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands the thing which *is* good, so that he may have *something* to give to him who needs.
- Pro 6:6 Go to the ant, you lazy man! Observe its ways and become wise.
- Stealing among God servants
 1. Achaan. Israelites defeated in war, Humiliation
Jos 7:12 The Israelis have been unable to stand before their enemies.
Jos 7:21 I noticed among the war spoils a beautiful mantleBecause I wanted them, I took them, and they're buried in the ground inside my tent. The silver is underneath."
Standing in war : Eze 22:30; Exo 17:9-13, Exo 32:11-12; Num 16:21-22, Num 16:47-48; 1Sa 12:23; Psa 106:23; Jer 15:1, Jer 23:22, Jer 27:18; Mal 1:9

- The day of the vengeance of the Lord will come on the nation – Wars & other punishments from the Lord
- Eze 30:3; Isa 2:12, Isa 13:6,
Isa 13:9, Isa 34:8; Joe 1:15, Joe 2:1, Joe 2:31, Joe 3:14; Amo 5:18-20; Zep 1:14-18, Zep 2:2-3; Mal 4:5; 1Th 5:2; 2Pe 3:10; Rev 6:17

Today the global Church, National Church, Regional Church local Church– Not able to stand in war – humiliated in many ways

Because of stealing in many ways

- Saul – stealing from things turned over to destruction – Dethroned from Kingship
1Sa 15:9 Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattlealong with all that was good. They were not willing to completely destroy them, but worthless and inferior.
Today Building Church lost its authority of ruling over the world because of its infidelity in administration of world things.
- Luk 16:11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? (Souls)
- Evangelization not fruitful. One of the reasons why not able to harvest new souls, new Troops, etc.
- Gehazi – Prophet Elisha’s aid – Refusal to correct himself - Generations becomes cursed - lepers
- 2Ki 5:26 -27 But Elisha responded, "Didn't my heart break as the man was turning from his chariot to greet you? Is now the time to receive money? To receive clothes? And olive groves, vineyards, sheep, oxen, servants, or female attendants? Naaman's leprosy will plague you and your descendants forever!". As he left Elisha's presence, he was infected with leprosy that looked like white snow.
- Many Christian families live in curses- sickness- depression
- (Building)Church Refuses to correct them -not able to deliver them & sent them out for ministry – Curses passed on to Generations
- Prophet Balaam – Made a profit out of the gift of prophecy – perished Jude 11, Rev.2:14, 2 Pet 2:15

Num 22:15-17 In response, Balak sent more officers—higher ranking ones, at that!— who approached Balaam with this message:

“ I'm determined to reward you generously, and I'll do everything you tell me to do. So come right away and curse this people for me."

Jud 1:11 How terrible it will be for them! For they lived like Cain did, rushed headlong into Balaam's error to make a profit, and destroyed themselves, as happened in Korah's rebellion.

Num 31:16; Deu 23:4; Jos 24:9-11;

Mic 6:5; 2Pe 2:15; Rev 2:14, Num 16:1-35, Num 26:9-10,

- In Building Churches
- The gifts of Shepherding, Prophesying , evangelizing & other
- kinds of ministry end up in making monetary gains, a name for themselves or expanding their institutions

Instead of glorifying God, the ministers themselves take the glory and name for themselves.

Ministry has become a profession.

- Joh 12:6; Judas -Jesus disciple' turned to be a thief – His camp became desolate
- Joh 12:6, but because he was a thief and heldput *in*. Satan entered into him.
- Act 1:17, 20 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ... ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’
- King Ahab coveted vineyard from farmer Naboth – led him to murder and plunder. Punishment on generations !
- 1 Ki 21:19 Ask the king, 'Did you commit murder? And now you're going to steal as well?' Also tell him, 'This is what the LORD says: "Where the dogs were licking up Naboth's blood, dogs will also lick up your blood—that's right—yours!"

Exercise: Find out and write 3 incidents where I have stolen things even without being aware that it is stealing.

Write in this order.

| Sl no | Object stolen | From whom/Public | Whether rectified or not. If no, how to do |
|-------|--|---|--|
| 1 | Public money Travelling without platform ticket | Railway Department | No. Get a ticket and tear it off. |
| 2 | Coolie – Railway porter not paid | Did not come to fetch things into train as promised | Yes. Gave that money free to another porter. |
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Examples given from AOJ Sisters' life (given at the end of the slide within brackets)

1. Slide no. 13- Tirunelveli Rs. 80 lakhs!

Tirunelveli – Incident

A request came to me by my friend to go to a house for prayer. It was 6 hours travel from my place. While I was travelling, a doubt came to me, “Is it worth travelling 12 hrs to and fro for a single house”? So I asked the Lord. I did not get an answer immediately. But in the midst of my slumber in the bus, I heard an inward voice, “I will do a miracle in that house”. So I gladly proceeded in my journey. I was asked to pray for the head of the family who was admitted to a hospital in coma stage.

When I reached the house, the family members all were gathered in the house because of their father. The mother asked me to pray in the house before we proceeded to the hospital.

When I asked for the prayer intention, she told me “debt”. We are struggling even to pay the interest of the capital.”. They seemed to be a financially well off family. Their only son is a doctor, Two of the girls are married to businessmen who are flourishing in Sri Lanka. The youngest daughter, who is unmarried is employed in a school and is drawing Government salary. So I asked them, how did this debt come. Due to marriage? Building houses? Investing in business? They nodded their head negatively. None of this is the reason. Mother said, we do not know the reason. So we started praying. As we were singing, a clear number came to my mind.

80 lakhs.

I stopped in between and interfered.

Is your debt 80 lakhs?

She was stunned. “Oh No! Not that much”

I was wondering what this amount would have meant.

Then the Lord reminded me of one verse which I had read 3 days back from the Bible.

Isa 57:17 I was angry because of the iniquity of his covetousness, and struck him; I hid myself and was angry; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

While I was keen on getting any slightest hint from inside, one verse came to me. Ex. 20:5.

I spoke it out. One of them read.

Exo 20:5 you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me,

I got the clue. Holy Spirit connected both these verses.

I asked them. “It is something which comes from your father or forefather. Can you think of something money, land, property coming to you which is unauthorised, of which you have no right to enjoy.

They could not answer.

Knowingly or unknowingly, from your forefather's time. Small or big?

Then the Mother came out telling something.

I remember while I was a child, we used to walk on the road. While going and coming our neighbours used to call us by a nickname, which meant “Robbers' family children”.

When I enquired, I got the history how my grandfather became a landlord. He was the accountant of the village. He used to lend money to people on mortgaging land. When they failed to pay the money back, the land automatically became my grandfather's. Thus all the land of the village became his.

Now I got the meaning of 80 lakhs. The land which he took from the people throughout the village is worth 80 lakhs.

Now the two daughters who were already married but have come to see their father continued to give the clues. Holy Spirit opened their mouths and they said,

Sister, Now I remember how we forgot to take our vanity bag from the auto last year. We were coming to Madurai from Sri Lanka. After getting out of the flight, we just took an auto to go to a nearby shop. While getting down, I forgot my handbag which had 15 sovereigns of gold and Rs. 10,000.00.

Holy Spirit told me from within

“That was the last instalment”

We had already read verse 17 of Is. 57

Isa 57:17 I was angry because of the iniquity of his covetousness, and struck him; I hid myself and was angry; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

This is the time to heal them. When I was explaining to them all this in sequence, the Lord opened their eyes to see the whole history and connect it with the Bible verses.

They asked me. Now what are we to do?

“Let us ask the Lord” I said. Again, we started praying,

If you have such a huge debt, what will you do?” He asked me. I said, Lord, I will fall at your feet and will not leave you until you give me a solution.

“Ask them to do the same”. He said.

I told them. All of you come together to fast and pray 1 day for the sins of ours, our parents, and our forefathers. Lord will have mercy on us.

They agreed. We proceeded to the hospital. There we prayed and I left the place.

Within one month I received a call from Amutha, the last daughter who was not married until 35 years. Many alliances came but none came into effect.

“Sister, sorry, I could not even inform you. My marriage is over. All of a sudden an alliance came. It was my wish that my father should be alive while I am getting married.” The Lord granted my desire. After my marriage, my father lived for three days and then went into his glory. We are all happy.”

“Did you do the fasting & prayer” I asked.

“Of course, we did. After that things started happening soon. Thank you for clarifying things to us.”

Actually the Lord taught me a great lesson through this. How the unauthorized money can bring curse into our families. We might be earning and earning. But as the Lord said in Haggai,

Hag 1:6 You have sown much, and bring in little. You eat, but you don't have enough. You drink, but you aren't filled with drink. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes in it.”

The wages which one earns goes into a bag with holes. It might go to the doctor, lawyer, etc.

2. Slide No. 16 – Nancy, Gracy's death Trivandrum.

Covetousness or greed

Pro 11:28 The person who trusts in his **wealth** will fall, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

When we came out of the convent a sister called Gracy received us in her house. We were staying with her for a few days. She guided us towards immersion baptism. Took care of us like a mother. When we wanted to get away from her house to go to a remote place for prayer & meditation, she arranged it for us in the city of Trivandrum. Gracy and her husband loved us so much. They decided to donate and write one of their houses in our name. When we told them that is not His will and the Lord did not want us to

have anything of our own in that city, they were sad but obeyed. After 6 months, we came to Tamil Nadu and settled down in a village.

After one year, one day I received a telegram, stating “Nancy expired”. Nancy is the only daughter of Gracy and Mr. John Joseph. She was a student of Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum. I could not believe it. So I confirmed the message through another person. I rushed to Trivandrum. When I reached the house “Excelsior” I saw Gracy sitting on a mat and praying. I embraced her and wept but she did not weep. Then I asked her what happened. She narrated how Nancy developed slight temperature and when she took her to the hospital doctors found out that she had viral fever and it has affected heart muscles she passed away from this earth. Her husband Mr. John Joseph was in Dubai, (working in off shore), visiting home every 21 days for 21 days holidays. He returned knowing the news. Funeral was over. He was in an unconsolable state. When I asked Gracy, she admitted that it is according to the perfect will of God that Nancy was taken. But her husband told us, “I had great dreams about my daughter. How she should get married, how much I should spend for her marriage. All my dreams are shattered. I could not even spend 25 Ps for my daughter. The medical bill of Cosmopolitan Hospital came to Rs. 22,000.00 But my brother Alex paid it”. He wept like a small child.

Gracy’s heart was pierced by the wounding words of her family people and others. Many accused her for helping us, accepting Jesus as her Saviour and attending a Sunday service which worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit. In order to make her only son study in a good school, she shifted to Coimbatore and admitted the child in Perk’s school there.

One important thing to be noted here: All these days, Gracy used to tell me one thing.

“Sister, the Lord told me that my husband has to stop working in Dubai. Whatever he has earned so far is enough for our living. He can come back, live with his family here. We both should do the work of the Lord. I have been telling him about it. But he could not accept. He told me, Whatever I earn will be divided into half. Half only we will take and the other half will be spent in God’s work.”. They used to celebrate the children’s birthdays in Old Age Homes, Leprosy homes etc. But she was not satisfied with that. She went on compelling her husband to resign and come back. Nancy died in the month of April 1998. Same year they admitted their son in Coimbatore. Gracy took a house for rent in Coimbatore and took the son daily to the school. In 2000 January she called and told me, “My husband will be coming in February for holidays. You should come here, stay with me for few days and tell my husband about salvation. I very strongly feel that this is the last chance the Lord is giving him.” Even though I did not understand the real meaning of it, I went to stay with them, spent a few days. Since I was not mature in spiritual life, I could not sense the urge of Gracy. I may not have emphasized the need of salvation as she wanted me to do.

He went back in the beginning of March. We invited her and son for that year’s Easter. They came and spent 2 days for the first time in our house in Trichy. After one week, morning 7.00 am, we got a phone call. Sr. Leema Rose attended. But the receiver fell from her hand. We rushed, looking at her expressions, we could understand something was wrong.

We took the phone and continued. Gracy’s son Robbin was speaking, He said, “Mummy expired”

We could not believe. It was the 2nd death Anniversary of Nancy. She had arranged a prayer meeting in her house. She ordered for food and made all arrangements for that meeting. Had gone for sleep. Morning about 7.00 clock, the milkman came but she did not get up. On his request the neighbour lady, went to knock at the door. There was no reply. After a while, the boy came out rubbing his eyes. When he went to wake his mother, she was dead on the cot. He informed the owner of the house who was staying upstairs, since there was nobody else whom he knew in that city. Doctors came and confirmed that she would have died between 3.00 and 5.00 am.

Husband came back from Dubai. Body was taken to her house in Trivandrum. Funeral was over. After the grand funeral, Bro. John Joseph called us into a room, cried aloud, expressing his deep sorrow. He asked me, "Sister please tell me if at all, Gracy had any unfulfilled desires in her heart. She would have expressed it to you. Whatever it is, I will do it. I can not think of a life without my Gracy".

Then the Lord put words in my mouth and it came out this way.

"Before my telling whatever Gracy had wished, let me ask you something. As per the IST, Gracy has died between, 3.00 am and 5.00 am. Where were you and what you were doing?

He thought for a while and said, It was my duty time. Gracy used to tell me that whenever I go for duty, I should open the Bible and read a verse at random, read it and go". So I did that day also. When I opened I saw this verse.

Heb 13:5 Let your way of life be without the love of money, and be content with such things as you have, for He has said, "Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you, never!"

Read it, closed the Bible and went for duty. After walking a few steps, the words Gracy used to tell came to my mind. So I walked back, to read the verse again. But did not know where that verse comes. Just opened , the same verse came. Read it a second time and started walking.

A few steps, again what Gracy told me came to my mind, Any verse you read, don't stop with once. Read it again and again and 3 times. Then only it will go to your mind. " So I walked back to read it a third time. But did not check the book. How to get that verse again? Thinking, opened the Bible. Third time, the same verse came again.

Heb 13:5 Let your way of life be without the love of money, and be content with such things as you have, for He has said, "Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you, never!"

"This was the message Gracy used to tell me all these years. "Let us be content with what we have" Enough of earning. Let us work for the Lord now. I did not listen"

Even when my daughter Nancy died, she begged with me, not to go back to work. But during that time that money, 2.50 lac Rupees per month, plus 21 days holidays every 21 days, free tickets to and fro, seemed very attractive to me. Now I have lost everything in life. What is the use of money I have earned.?"

Mar 4:19 but the worries of life, the deceitful pleasures of **wealth, and the desires for other things come in and choke the word so that it can't produce a crop.**

First time, in my life I realised a truth!

How hard are the lessons of financial discipline! How much the teacher (here God, the Master of all Finance) has to struggle to teach His children these lessons of earning and spending money!

In order to make Mr. John realize, "Enough of earning", the Lord had to remove two lives from the earth.

The financial discipline lesson was too hard for him. But he went through that. He resigned his job. Started living in India, taking care of his only son. Both of them came to us for a few days holidays. The Lord used us to preach gospel to them. They surrendered their lives to God and received immersion baptism.

Jehovah teaches every man the way He should walk.

2. Slide No. 25

In one of the Shekinahs, one Hindu lady attended. In between the 15 days she was given the grace to accept Jesus Christ. But she was possessed. Shekinah was conducted in a place called Padappai, Chennai. It was a garden and a mango grove, a beautiful one. During summer time, all the mango trees will bear fruit. It will be a great temptation for the participants since the mangoes will be hanging in clusters at a distance we can touch with our hands. The trees are given for lease and the lease family will be staying there. They have informed us not to pluck the mangoes. We in turn passed on this to the inmates. But there will be some disobedient elements.

After the short prayer in the night before everybody dispersed this sister fell down, fainted and started rolling on the floor. Her mouth was shut, both the hands raised above the head, like bound and interlocked. Everybody got terrified. Even the male members many of them had come from Rameswaram told me,

"I have taken dead bodies from the sea. We are fishermen. But I was afraid to go near this one, possessed."

I asked her, Open your mouth and speak in the name of Jesus.

"What is your name" Where do you come from and Why?"

She opened her mouth and said,

Didn't you tell her not to pluck the mangoes? She plucked, I came into her along with the mango". Again started rolling. All the students, may be 30-35, were stunned. I could see one by one all were going down. Finally only we sisters were there. I commanded the evil spirit to leave her. On behalf of her, we apologized to Jesus for her disobedience and asked forgiveness. Satan She got up and became conscious. let her.

When I went down I saw a funny thing. All the yards were full of mangoes. All the mangoes the students had plucked, half eaten, small ones, big ones, all were thrown out. So many in number. Thank god, what we could not teach the evil spirit taught them. Praise the Lord.

4. Slide no. 26 Stopped going to Building Churches.

We sisters were going to Building Churches for Sunday worship in Chennai. Once it so happened that before the worship got over, the preacher who was an outsider, made an announcement to close all the doors of the Church building. Thousands of people were waiting to enter into for the next service. But he sent volunteers to all doors and asked them to lock them, not to open the doors till he said to.

Then he explained about a building fund and asked everybody to make a donation. Those who have not brought the money can make a promise in a slip which is to be distributed. Then he asked the volunteers to distribute the slip to everybody. They were so nicely trained up and were standing at the end of each row. It was done so quick. One of them came to us also. We, sisters nodded our head and gave a negative sign. We wanted to get rid of the place but could not. Doors were locked. Then and there I took a decision that this is the last visit of mine to that Church.

A lady rushed to the stage and screamed, I pledge 1 lakh Rs! Immediately that preacher, appreciated her, as if she has done something which makes her name enter into Guinness book. He made everybody gave an applause to her. Like that many others followed. Promising lesser amounts!. They were all brought to the stage (big amounts).

After he made sure that everybody wrote the slip and gave it back, he asked them to open the doors.. I'm sure he would have done it in all the services that day. In that Church, even after about 15 years, not even a single stone has been laid for the building. May the Lord forgive them. May the people get the eyesight to see deceptions in this.!

5. Slide no. 29 Kumaran's incident.

Do not steal -What is stealing?

We have learned that we should not take that which belongs to others. In my ministry, the Lord taught me many lessons in this which the world, parents, my religion, Church, convent, did not teach me. They have taught what they know. The Lord after I gave place to Him in me to dwell, taught me being with me. John 6:45

Joh 6:45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And all of them will be taught by God.' Everyone who has listened to the Father and has learned anything comes to me.

I will narrate certain examples how the Lord taught me.

In one of our trainings, one boy called Kumaran joined. That day I was preaching about Joshua chap 7.

How the Israelites were defeated when they went to fight with Ai.

Jos 7:11,12 Israel has sinned. Yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. Yes, they have even taken some of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even put it among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel can't stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

After preaching this verses, I told them to repent if they have stolen anything from anybody. It can be money, dresses, small things like pen, pencil, soap, box, kitchen items, like spoon, vessels, school books, bags, etc. etc. If you find anything in your house, car, room which does not belong to you. It can be property, land, anything. That brings curse into your life. Unless they are removed from you, you cannot inherit blessing. God will not be with you. These things might have come to you knowingly or unknowingly, with your consent or even without.

Then I started praying, for reminding the students of anything that they have now with them, which is not of theirs. When I opened my eyes, I saw a few Re notes (Indian currency) one inside the other, folded and kept on the teacher's table. I could see only the outer one, that was a Rs. 20.00 note. I asked them who kept it on the table because when I started praying it was not there.

Nobody answered. When I looked around I saw a boy called Kumaran who was sitting right in front of me, lying flat, his hands holding a pen tightly in the righting position. I went up to him and called him by name. His eyes were closed. He did not reply. Then we started praying for him. He showed movements. It was obvious that he was possessed by a demon. Then I started casting that demon. He started rolling on the ground violently, coming round the whole class room. Students used to sit on the mat for morning prayer. All the Bibles, books, song books, pens all were kept in their own places, All these were thrown across the room. Students got scared. We let them go for group work and made only a few leaders to remain with us. When we started commanding the evil spirit to leave him, I was praying like this, "Lord if he has stolen anything, from anybody please forgive him, and deliver him from this demons"

Immediately he started screaming, "I won't, I won't forgive. All of us went on praying p for the mercy of the Lord, After about 10 minutes he confessed with his mouth, "Lord forgive me". He struggled a lot while uttering these words, as if a dumb who can't speak struggle to utter words. As soon as he pronounced these three words, he came to his senses, got up and sat on the mat. Till this time he was lying down. He wished me and other brothers. He asked me "where is my book" All the books were scattered here and there. So I asked him to go and find. All the brothers helped in picking up the books from the floor and keeping it in its places. By the time he found his book. He took it, showed me and made me read. There was a list of cloth items written there.

Lungi(the dress gents wear in TN) at home - 6 no

Baniyan - 10 no

Towel - 5 no

Like that the list went upto 10-12 items with exact nos. Below that words were written in Tamil, "Lord forgive me" the last word was not complete. But after started writing the last word, he could not complete

it, but his pen went out of control and he had scribbled 3 pages with full force that even the paper was about to be torn. He said, while he was writing this, he went unconscious and he does not know what happened to him after that.

I told him what all happened there. I asked him about the list of clothes. He was working in a textile shop and had stolen many items from the shop. The owner did not find it out.

Then he went to the table, took the money and gave to me, saying,

“This money was stolen from my brother’s pocket . I needed Rs. 100/- for bus fare and other expenses. I spent the other and this is the balance. Please take it from me. This is stolen money”.

He got alright. He had not accepted Jesus Christ when he joined for the course. After this, he accepted Jesus Christ, received baptism. Glory to God.
