

International Conversation Café

Lifestyle Topic: The Paths to Peace

The Paths to Peace are principles people have demonstrated to be true in every culture throughout the ages of time. When applied, these principles enable society to function smoothly, both in areas of civic responsibility and in family life. When rejected, relationships suffer significantly.

Principle 8 Respect the Property of Others

To respect the property of others means that you will not steal, trespass, or vandalize another person's property.

What kinds of property is stolen frequently?

Has anyone ever stolen something from you? What happened?

"Honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay enough to suit some people." Kin Hubbard

1. *Employee theft is common. Why and in what way do people steal from their employers?*
2. *Explain how theft damages society?*
3. *What about someone stealing credit for work someone else has done?*
4. *How does theft take place on the internet?*

Example

Lynn arrives 15 minutes late to work most days. She likes to take a longer lunch. Often times she says she has some family difficulty, so she must leave early. She doesn't share the workload for the group project. Her salary is the same as her co-workers. Lynn's co-workers are frustrated. The boss is not aware this is happening because the group completes the project on time.

What would you do if you were a part of this group?

Idioms

Read the idiom, the definition, and example.

Steal someone's heart- to capture someone's affection. "When I first met him, I knew he would steal my heart. And he did!"

Steal someone's thunder- to announce something before another person has a chance. "He stole my thunder by announcing our change of plans before I had a chance."

Steal the spotlight- to gain attention away from someone and for oneself. "The children's choir stole the spotlight from the adults."

