

# **S.O.H.L.**

## **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

May 20, 2013

# **Honesty**

**Ephesians 4:28** - Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**Proverbs 10:9** - Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

One day while delivering the mail, I opened a mailbox and I discovered \$100.00 (cash). I knocked on the resident's door to inform them that they had money in their mailbox, but no one answered. I returned to my truck and continued my deliveries. In my younger days I would have just taken the money; and if the subject came up as in missing or stolen, it would have been my word against theirs. I truly thank God for deliverance from stealing. These days we define stealing in many ways, but the common thread is taking something that is not ours regardless how big or small or cheap or expensive. We hide from people, but refuse to acknowledge that God sees all; God sees the crime before it is even committed. The good news is that stealing does not have to be a part of our lives for because God provides what we need.

I discovered that a life built on deception will be exposed and unrewarding. There is safety and security in an upright life.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

