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1. People complain that there are too many prohibitions and they are right, there are a lot more negative commandments than positive ones.



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2. The Talmud points out that in many cases, when the Torah forbids something, the same act is often allowed under certain conditions.

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3. There are three levels of stealing: kidnapping, stealing money/goods, deception.



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4. The Zohar notes that in the Ten Commandments the musical notation creates a separation between the words 'not' and 'steal' which means that there are times when we are allowed to steal.



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5. Kidnapping is allowed when the Jewish soul has been captured.



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6. Stealing of money is allowed in the case of charity.

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7. Stealing a rabbi's sermon is ok.



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8. Deception is allowed when the end result is an improvement to a person's spiritual level as in the story about the Alter Rebbe and the Chassidim pretending to be tzadikim.



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