

WILDERNESS WANDERINGS...

BE WISE

John 10:10

JOHN 10:10 The thief cometh
not, but for to steal, and to kill,
and to destroy:

I am come that they might have
life, and that they might have it
more abundantly.

1. TO STEAL...

**THE THIEF JUST WANTS TO
RUIN ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE
HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON!**

The word “thief” comes from the Greek word *klepto*, which means *to steal*.

2. TO KILL...

**AT FIRST GLANCE, IT APPEARS
THAT THIS MEANS TO KILL, AS
TO TAKE SOMEONE'S LIFE.**

***BUT THE GREEK WORD IS THUO,
WHICH MEANS TO SACRIFICE.***

It could mean *to sacrifice; to surrender; or to give up something that is precious and dear.*

**3. DESTROY... THEN JESUS
WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE
THIEF ALSO COMES “TO
DESTROY.”**

**The word “destroy” is from
the Greek word *apollumi*
[a-polla-me].**

**It carries the idea
of *something that is ruined,
wasted, trashed, devastated,
and destroyed.***

***“The thief wants to get his hands into every good thing in your life. In fact, this pickpocket is looking for any opportunity to wiggle his way so deeply into your personal affairs that he can walk off with everything you hold precious and dear.*”**

And that's not all – when he's finished stealing all your goods and possessions, he'll take his plan to rob you blind to the next level.

He'll create conditions and situations so horrible that you'll see no way to solve the problem except to sacrifice everything that remains from his previous attacks. The goal of this thief is to totally waste and devastate your life.

If nothing stops him, he'll leave you insolvent, flat broke, and cleaned out in every area of your life. You'll end up feeling as if you are finished and out of business!

Make no mistake – the enemy's ultimate aim is to obliterate you....”

**BUT... THAT'S NOT THE END OF
THE STORY...**

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The words “they might have”
are from the Greek tense that
means *to have and to*
continually possess.

***“...But I came that they might
have, keep, and constantly
retain a vitality, gusto, vigor, and
zest for living that springs up
from deep down inside.*”**

***I came that they might embrace
this unrivaled, unequaled,
matchless, incomparable, richly
loaded and overflowing life to
the ultimate maximum!”***

WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO
ABOUT IT?