

Who Robs a Food Bank?

The *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* in California reported that a local nonprofit was in dire need of help after thieves broke into its food pantry last October and walked away with office equipment and cleared out its shelves.

Larry Kapchinsky, the co-founder of KidCare International, estimated this set back the pantry about \$20,000. Now he's asking the community to help them feed needy families.

"A whole year of preparing for the holiday season got wiped out in one night," he said. Kapchinsky said he was in disbelief when a volunteer called to tell him the news.

"Who steals from a food bank? We would have given them help if they just asked," he said.

Kapchinsky related that the suspects went into the freezer and took almost all the items, leaving unwanted items in the freezer. Those went to waste because the freezer door stayed open.



"What they didn't steal, they trashed," he said.

Typically, the nonprofit would hand out boxes of food that included balanced meals and feed from 1,200 to 2,000 families a week.

Some people would rather resort to desperate measures, including stealing from a food bank, rather than ask for the help they need.

Thanksgiving is not confined to one day or one month a year. And it begins with a willingness to receive. Don't rob God of the gratitude He is due because you don't know how to receive what has been freely given to you. And understand that even more valuable than all the things the world has to offer is the gift of God's saving grace and a grateful heart.

Gratitude makes us rich. Possessing the whole world, without the proper gratitude, leaves us poor.

Jesus said: *For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?* (Mark 8:36 NKJV).

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