

## ***“THOU SHALT NOT COVET”***

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### **THE TENTH COMMANDMENT**

**Exodus 20:17, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.”**

### **THE COMMANDMENT**

- Covet = “To reach after something that is not yours; wanting what you don’t and can’t have, or what \_\_\_\_\_ have”
- This commandment stresses the importance of controlling \_\_\_\_\_.
- “We often want the wrong thing, in the wrong way, at the wrong time, and for the wrong reason.” – Ryken
- “As a ferryman takes in so many passengers to increase his fare, that he sinks his boat; so a covetous man takes in so much gold to increase his estate, that he drowns himself in perdition.” – Thomas Watson
- The first 9 commandments deal with what we do. This commandment deals with what we \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
- This commandment shows us that God cares what is happening on the \_\_\_\_\_, not just the outside.
- Romans 7:7, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.”

### **THE CURE**

#### ***1 Timothy 6:6-10***

- The cure for covetousness is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many downfalls started with discontentment.
- Ecc. 5:10, “He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.”
- *Contentment* = “A state of happiness and \_\_\_\_\_”

#### ***Philippians 4:10-13***

- Paul learned the secret to dealing with some of the harsh realities of life: contentment.
- All we really need is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **THE CONTRAST**

1. You cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ and covetous.
2. You cannot have everything you want unless you \_\_\_\_\_ everything you have.
3. You cannot find true joy in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. “It is wrong to assume that men of immense wealth are always happy.” -- Rockefeller
  - b. The answer: Seek \_\_\_\_\_ above things.
  - c. Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

***Is your heart struggling with covetousness?***

***Are you trying to find joy in things?***

***Have you come to the realization that \_\_\_\_\_ is all you need?***