

#10 Do Not Covet

Open Your Bibles to:

Exodus 20:17

Ten Commandments

Country Style

1. Only One God
2. No Idols
3. Don't Take God's Name in Vain
4. Sunday is for Worship & Rest
5. Mind Your Ma & Pa
6. Do not Murder
7. Do Not Commit Adultery
8. Do Not Steal
9. Do Not Lie
10. Do No Hanker for Neighbor's Stuff

**COVET: the uncontrolled
desire to acquire.**



I. THE EFFECT OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE

1. Fatigue.

- *Don't wear yourself out to get rich; stop giving your attention to it. ...Pr. 23:4*

2. Debt.

- *When good things increase, the ones who consume them multiply; what, then, is the profit to the owner, ...Eccl 5:11*

3. Worry.

- *The sleep of the worker is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich permits him no sleep. ...Eccl 5:12*

I. THE EFFECT OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE

4. Conflict.

- *What is the source of the wars and the fights among you? Don't they come from the cravings that are at war within you? ...James 4:1*

5. Dissatisfaction.

- *The one who loves money is never satisfied with money, and whoever loves wealth [is] never [satisfied] with income. This too is futile*

Eccl. 5:10

The antidote to Coveting is Contentment.

- *I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret [of being content]—whether well-fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.
...Phil 4:12*

II. HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

1. RESIST COMPARING MYSELF TO OTHERS.

- *For we don't dare classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. But in measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves to themselves, they lack understanding.2 Cor. 10:12*

2. REJOICE IN WHAT I DO HAVE.

- *God has also **given** riches and wealth to every man, and He has allowed him to **enjoy** them, take his reward, and rejoice in his labor. This is a **gift** of GodEccl 5:19*

II. HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

3. SHARE WHAT I HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.

1. Don't become proud of your wealth.
2. Don't put your trust in money.
3. Use your money to do good.
4. Give cheerfully

4. REFOCUS ON WHAT'S GOING TO LAST.

1. *So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen; for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. ...2 Cor. 4:18*

Each of us has to make a choice

- **Is my life style going to be determined by:**
 - 1. Culture or by Christ,**
 - 2. Madison Avenue or by the Master**