



THE
TEN
COMMANDMENTS

Tenth Commandment

EXODUS 20:17



What is Coveting?

“a strong desire to have something that belongs to another, an inordinate & ungoverned selfish desire”

1. Coveting is a Super Desire

a. Desire is not **Bad**

b. Desire Must be **Directed**

c. Desire Must be **Greatest for God**

“It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex & ambition when infinite joy is offered us like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

2. Coveting is Wrongly Ordered Love

- a. Love Rightly Ordered: **#1: God...**
- b. Love Wrongly Ordered: **Idolatry**

3. Coveting is 'Invisible'

Their House

= **Possessions**

Their Spouse

= **Relationships**

Their Servants

= **Success**

Their Ox/Donkey

= **Luxuries**

Their Lives

= **Anything**

4. Coveting is Dangerous



How to Stop Coveting

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1. Change your Desires

a. Salvation

b. Sanctification

2. Let the Law Convict

a. Law Convicts of **Sin**

b. Law Leads us to **Jesus**

3. Learn to be Content

- a. The **Power** of God
- b. The **People** of God
- c. The **Provision** of God

4. Pursue Godliness

- a. The Right **Gain**
- b. The Right **Desire**
- c. The Right **Love**

“Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire
besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my
portion forever.” (Ps 73:25-26)