

The Ten Commandments for Today

The Tenth Commandment • Exodus 20:17

The Sin No One Wants To Admit

Do You Belong to the “Cult of the Next Thing”?

It’s easy to get enlisted due to our COVETOUS hearts!

Coveting: The Sin No One Wants To Admit

1. Coveting Starts With UNHOLY Desire!

What does it mean to covet?

To “covet” means to crave, to yearn for, to HANKER AFTER something that belongs to someone else.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.” Exodus 20:17

The Heart of the Matter:

The Tenth Commandment goes straight to the HEART where coveting starts.

2. Coveting Leads To DEADLY Desire!

How bad is coveting, really?

Coveting can be just as FATAL as any other sin.

“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” ~Jesus, Luke 12:15

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 1Timothy 6:9

Grapes of Wrath:

The story of King AHAB is an example of what happens when unholy desires quickly turn into deadly desires. *1Kings 21:1-24*

Are you infected with the “If only...” virus?

All of our DISCONTENT comes from this fatal reasoning: “If only I had..., then I would be happy!”

Is there a remedy for the “If only...” virus?

Yes, it’s called CONTENTMENT.

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment. 1Timothy 6:6

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5

Contentment: The Secret Everyone Needs to Learn

Contentment means wanting what GOD wants for us rather than what WE want for us.

The secret to enjoying this kind of contentment is to be so satisfied with God that we are able to accept whatever He has or has not provided.

➤ Go after GRATITUDE.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1Timothy 6:6-8

For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ~Paul, Philippians 4:11-12

➤ Go after GOD.

Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. 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. ~Asaph, Psalm 73:23-26