

TAKING IT DEEPER

THE DESIRE (Coveting)	THE EMOTIONAL LIE	THE TRUE TRUTH
Where do you feel life has been unfair?		
What do you want more of... possessions, popularity, time, pleasure, power...		
Who or what to tend to be envious of, jealous...		

- List 5 things you are thankful for each night this next week
- Thank Jesus for His presence, His sacrifice, your salvation, heaven...
- Make a list of those who have needs as well. Who has a need greater than yours that you can help? Luke 3<sup>10</sup> "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? – write it down, pray it back, share it with others!  
 "Oh Heavenly Father, You are so good. You've given me so much. Help me be thankful. Thank You for...  
 ... Most of all thank You for Your presence, Jesus' sacrifice, my salvation – that will last forever..."

Now help me to work hard, save well, and give generously helping as many as I can. Show us as Christians how to be light in every form of government- compassionate capitalism, responsible socialism, voluntary communism. I especially feel You saying to me...

**DON'T COVET, BUT BE GRATEFUL! Ex 20:17, 11/14/21**

- Dt 5<sup>21</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."
- Eccl 5<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
- Jer 6<sup>13</sup> "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit.
- Jer 22<sup>13</sup> "Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor.<sup>15</sup> "Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father (King Josiah) have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. <sup>16</sup> He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the LORD.
- Ezk 16<sup>49</sup> "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.
- Luke 3<sup>10</sup> "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
- Luke 8<sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.
- Heb 13. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from covetousness and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

THE 10<sup>th</sup> COMMAND- DON'T COVET

- Don't c\_\_\_\_\_ what doesn't belong to you or you shouldn't have (greedy, jealous, envious)
- Examples- house, possessions. Wife (relationships). Servants & animals (workers, time savers, wealth producers)
- Principle- anything that belongs to your neighbor

WHERE DOES COVETING COME FROM? – 4 SOURCES

- The Devil- Gen 3, Isa 14, Ezk 28
- The i\_\_\_\_\_ of God gone wrong
- The flesh- making it all about me

4. The world conforming me into its mold – Rom 12
  - Personally-peers and advertisers-
  - Purpose of life- pleasure, possessions, popularity, power or putting God f \_\_\_\_\_
  - Political systems- capitalism, socialism, communism- all about greed

#### COUNT THE COST - 5 THINGS THAT HAPPEN WHEN WE COVET - LUKE 12:13-21

1. We begin to think life is about t \_\_\_\_\_
  - Lie to ourselves- I'd be happy if...when..."
2. Judge the owner- What gives them the right? Are they better than me? Why don't they share?
3. Judge God- if He really loved me, He would give me...
4. Judge what we have- my spouse does not compare, my home is inadequate, my clothes are out of style...
5. We become miserable, griping, complaining
  - Envious & judgmental of others
  - Disappointed with God
  - Ungrateful for what we have

#### 7 WAYS TO KILL THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

1. Turn our will over to Jesus-
  - Rom 7<sup>7</sup>.... For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting.
  - Rom 8<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
2. Trust Jesus to meet our n \_\_\_\_\_
  - Php 4<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

3. Thank Jesus for what we have- and give Him the ownership of it all
  - I Th 5<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
  - 1 Ch 29:13-14 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.
4. Know the best thing we have is God's p \_\_\_\_\_
  - Heb 13. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from covetousness and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
  - Hab 3<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. <sup>19</sup> The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.
5. Obey the Sabbath & slow down
  - Ex 20<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
6. Work hard to p \_\_\_\_\_ for ourselves and others
  - Acts 20<sup>33</sup> I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "
7. Learn to l \_\_\_\_\_ vs. being envious of others
  - Rom 13<sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law