

## TURN COVETING INTO CONTENTMENT – LK 12:13-34, 11/21/21

THE 10<sup>TH</sup> COMMAND - 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.”

- What’s unusual about the 10<sup>th</sup> command?
  - It deals with the h\_\_\_\_\_ like commandment #\_\_\_\_\_
  - It deals with s\_\_\_\_\_ like commandments #\_\_\_\_\_
  - It’s l\_\_\_\_\_ - least important or \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 7:7-8)

### • JESUS DEALS WITH THE HEART- Lk 12:13-21

1. When we covet, we expect others to come to our s\_\_\_\_\_ - Lk 12:13
2. When we covet, we want God to f\_\_\_\_\_ the other person, not us- Lk 12:14
3. When we covet, we think life is all about p\_\_\_\_\_ - Lk 12:15
4. When we covet, we j\_\_\_\_\_
  - The other person
  - God
  - Our own possessions
5. When we covet, we set ourselves up for God’s j\_\_\_\_\_ - 12:16-21

### • JESUS TELLS US HOW TO STOP COVETING- Lk 12:22-34

1. Stop two emotional responses
  - Stop worrying (worry repeated 4x, v 22,25,26,29)
  - Don’t be afraid (v 32)
2. How-think, consider
  - Nature- ravens and lilies, God feeds & clothes (24, 27-28)
  - Logic- how little worry accomplishes (25-26)
  - Negative example- Pagans- worry and run (30)
3. Know- believe, trust
  - You are more valuable to God (24)
  - God will take care of you (28,30-31)
  - You are loved- little flock (32)
4. Positive action steps
  - Seek His kingdom (31)
  - Sell your possessions and give to the poor (33)
5. Focus on the promises
  - The Father knows your needs (30)
  - The Father will meet your needs as you seek His kingdom (31)
  - The Father is pleased to give you the kingdom (32)
  - Kingdom - Heavenly treasure is secure- no thief or moth (33)
6. Final warning & promise- this has consequences
  - Your treasure leads your heart (34)- A spiraling loop that leads either up or down
    - The heart chooses the treasure, and the treasure changes the heart

**God, grant me the Serenity To accept the things I cannot change...  
The Courage to change the things I can, And the Wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.**

**Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, Not as I would have it.  
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.**

**That I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.**

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