

EXODUS 20:17 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COVETOUSNESS; WHICH IS IDOLATRY - [\(SERMON MP3\)](#)

Contentment Check Up. The respectable sin of Covetousness hides well as the outward manifestations are not so obvious.

- *If someone gave you \$20,000 what would you buy?*
- *What "if onlys" most often float through your mind? (Ex. If only I was . . . If only I had . . . If only they . . .)*
- *When do you notice your own struggle with contentment?*



Coveting is fantasizing for a life other than the one we've been given. When you think of your "ideal life," what kind of life is it? Is there a difference between wanting a better life (better job, better house, better health, etc.) and wanting an ideal life?



How is the contentment prescribed in the 10th commandment a safeguard against temptations to break the first nine? What other sins can covetousness lead to? Think about the following accounts of how covetousness led to more sin.



- *King David and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11-2)*
- *King Ahab and Naboth (1 Kings 21)*
- *Elisha and Gehazi (2 Kings 5:19-27)*

Why is the 10th commandment so effective in revealing sin in the heart of the self-righteous?



Read Philippians 4:11-13. What is the connection between "contentment" and the way our culture confuses wants and needs?

Give some examples of when "wants" become "needs" and "needs" become "wants."

How does modern media stimulate covetousness? Give some examples and share how the temptation is communicated.

Social Media _____

Commercials _____

Movie/Show _____

Print/Billboards _____

