

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

