

The 10th Commandment, Part 1
Exodus 20:17
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Main Point:

Instead of coveting what others have, God wants you to be content with what you have; to do this you must find your contentment in Jesus alone.

1. Covetousness is to have no place in our lives.
2. Instead of coveting what others have, God wants us to be content with what we have.
3. True contentment is found only in Jesus Christ.
4. Always find your contentment in Jesus alone.

Kevin DeYoung “Covetousness says, ‘I need that. I won’t be happy without it. It isn’t fair; I don’t have it. I want that more than anything else.’”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Colossians 3:5 ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (NKJV)

Hebrews 13:5 ⁵ *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." (NKJV)

Philippians 4:10-13 ¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

Jeremiah Burroughs “Contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”

Philip Ryken “Contentment means wanting what *God* wants for us rather than what *we* want for us.”

Philippians 3:8 ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (ESV)