

Do Not Covet



MEMORY VERSE: "Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'" Hebrews 13:5



Exodus 20:17 Do Not Covet

1. Read the definition of covet and Exodus 20:17. What does it mean to covet?
2. Where in your life do you struggle with coveting? How does coveting affect us and our relationships?
3. What do the following verses tell us:
Luke 12:15
Ecclesiastes 5:10



1 Timothy 6:9-10 Greed

4. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. What happens when people long to be rich? v. 9 What is the result of craving money? v. 10
5. God can use money and things to bless us, but when they become our main focus they stop being a blessing. How does the desire for more and more things impact us and our relationship with God?
6. Today's culture makes it way too easy to compare ourselves to others, and comparison often leads to coveting. Is this true in your life?



1 Timothy 6:6-8 Contentment

7. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8 and the definition of contentment. How can you be satisfied with what you already have?
8. Read Philippians 4:19 and Luke 12:24. Who provides all that we need? Do you believe these verses? Why or Why not?
9. List three things that you are (or should be) content with or thankful for.
10. We have every reason to be content because God gives us everything we need. How is your life better when you are content?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God tells us not to covet because He knows that money and things will never bring us true joy. God provides everything we need, He is the giver of good gifts. He wants our eyes and hearts to be on Him and not on all the things we want. He wants us to spend our time knowing Him and helping others, not chasing after money.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, Please help me to have a grateful heart. When I find myself wanting more, help me to remember that I have all I need in You. Please help me when this feels hard. In your name I pray, Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



This is easy to believe in your head but a lot harder to feel in your heart.

What can you do to start changing your mindset from one of coveting to one of contentment?

Various References (NLT)

Exodus 20:17: “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

Covet: the desire to possess what someone else has; not being satisfied with what we have, and being jealous of those who have something better.

Luke 12:15: “Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10 “Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!”

1 Timothy 6:9-10: “But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”

1 Timothy 6:6-8: “Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.”

Contentment: being satisfied with what we have and who we are; the state of being happy and satisfied.

Philippians 4:19: “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”

Luke 12:24: “Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!”

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