

A DIVINE REMINDER

EXODUS 20:2; DEUTERONOMY 5:6. *“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”*

COMMANDMENT #10

EXODUS 20:17; DEUTERONOMY 5:21. *“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.”*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN “TO COVET”?

DEFINED: “To crave or to have an inordinate desire for something you do not have.”

- Covetousness is a _____ condition
- Covetousness does not focus on _____ activities; it brings the moral code of God into the human heart
- Covetousness is built-up _____ gone awry that distorts our whole sense of values
- Covetousness is not cured by _____ as it has virtually nothing to do with what we have or with what we need
- _____ has given new power to covetousness as possessions form the most important symbol of attainment in our society
- Covetousness is not limited to _____ things
- Covetousness is almost always _____

- Covetousness always looks for the _____
- Covetousness makes us _____ to our own wealth and prevents us from enjoying what we have

GOD’S WORD ON KEEPING COVETOUSNESS IN CHECK

HEBREWS 13:5. *“Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have.”*

GALATIANS 6:4. *“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.”*

ACTS 20:35. *“You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

HEBREWS 4:12-13. *“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword... It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.”*

1. We must constantly keep a check on _____
2. We must constantly keep a check on _____
3. We must constantly keep a check on _____
4. We must constantly keep a check on _____

*“The whole point of the Ten Commandments is not to merely establish rules of conduct, but to **INVITE US INTO THE JOYFUL COMMUNION OF GOD’S PRESENCE**, where **MORAL AND ETHICAL STABILITY ABOUND**, and through which **WE REFLECT HIS CHARACTER AND GLORY INTO THE WORLD...** As we walk down this moral road, we begin to realize that it is finally about **NOTHING LESS THAN THE FULL RULE AND REIGN OF GOD BREAKING INTO OUR LIVES AND INTO THIS WORLD.**”*

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