

The Ten Commandments (10): Be Content

Exodus 20:17

I. The Meaning of the Tenth Commandment

- A. You shall not desire what rightfully belongs to someone else (Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21).
- B. You shall not desire something excessively (Genesis 3:1-7).

II. What Are the Results of Covetousness?

- A. Covetousness confuses moral judgment
(Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5; Acts 8:18-23; Luke 12:13-15).
- B. Covetousness leads to dishonesty and injustice
(2 Samuel 11; 1 Kings 21:1-15; Matthew 26:15).
- C. Covetousness robs us of joy in the present
(Philippians 3:1; 4:4).

III. How Do You Guard Against Covetousness?

- A. Ask God to shape your desires
(Philippians 4:10; Psalm 37:4-5).
- B. Adopt an attitude of gratitude
(Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-8).
- C. Be a generous giver
(Philippians 4:10; Acts 20:35; Luke 19:8).