

- When we covet, we are questioning God's _____ in our lives, and demonstrating a lack of _____ in Him. The tenth command is the final exclamation point on the first command – **let God be God!**
- The Bible teaches us that God wants us to covet some things with a _____ – this is the kind of desire that makes life worthwhile! And this RIGHT KIND of coveting does not take from or diminish anyone else. Others _____ when we covet the things of God!
- **Psalm 27:4 (NLT)** *The one thing I ask of the Lord — **the thing I seek most** — is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.*

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Habit 10: Discover Real Contentment

Sunday, July 30, 2000

Exodus 20:17 (NLT) Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else your neighbor owns.

WHAT IS COVETING?

- COVETING IS THE UNCONTROLLED DESIRE TO _____.
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** ⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- Coveting is what we call a " _____ " because it can quickly lead to other sins. In fact, the Bible tells us that coveting was the original sin behind the _____ ...
- **Genesis 3:6** *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*
- Both the Old and New Testaments point out that coveting is the root of many forms of sin, including lying (2 Kings 5:22-25), theft (Joshua 7:21), domestic troubles (Proverbs 15:27), murder (Ezekiel 22:12), lust (1 Timothy 6:9), greed (Proverbs 1:19), envy (Titus 3:3), and jealousy (1 Corinthians 3:3). **THESE ARE ALL MANIFESTATIONS OF _____ THAT HAS RUN AMOK.**

- The Hebrew word for covet in the tenth command is **CHAMAD**, which means "to desire with the intent to own something that can never be _____."

- 1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)** *For the love of money is at the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*

FIVE EFFECTS OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE

1. _____

- Proverbs 23:4 (GN)** *Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich.*

2. _____

- Ecclesiastes 5:11 (LB)** *The more you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income, so what is the advantage of wealth – except perhaps to watch it as it runs through your fingers!*

3. _____

- Ecclesiastes 5:12 (GN)** *Workers may or may not have enough to eat, but at least they can get a good night's sleep. The rich, however, have so much that they stay awake worrying.*

4. _____

- James 4:1 (CEV)** *Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body?*

5. _____

- Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)** *Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!*

• The antidote to coveting is _____.

- Philippians 4:11-13 (CEV)** ¹¹ *I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have.* ¹² *I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or to be hungry, to have too much or too little.* ¹³ *Christ gives me the strength to face anything.*

FOUR WAYS TO CONQUER COVETING

1. _____ comparing myself to others

- 2 Corinthians 10:12 (GN)** *Of course we would not dare classify ourselves or compare ourselves with those who rate themselves so highly. How stupid they are! They make up their own standards to measure themselves by, and they judge themselves by their own standards!*
- 1 Timothy 6:9 (CEV)** *People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them.*
- Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)** *It's healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up.*

2. _____ in what I do have

- Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)** *And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life — that is indeed a gift from God.*
- Ecclesiastes 6:9 (CEV)** *It's better to enjoy what we have than to always want something else, because that makes no more sense than chasing the wind.*

3. _____ what I have to help others

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (LB)** ¹⁷ *Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.* ¹⁸ *Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.* ¹⁹ *By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.*
- Acts 20:35b (CEV)** *Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving."*

4. _____ on what's going to last

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 (GN)** *For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time; but what cannot be seen lasts forever.*
- Luke 12:15 (NLT)** *Then he said, "Beware! Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own."*