

The Big Ten



Lesson 5: Coveting October 11/12, 2014

10th Commandment

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.” *New Living Translation SE*

8th Commandment

Exodus 20:15 “You must not steal.” *New Living Translation SE*

God wants us to enjoy what we have while being generous

1 Timothy 6:17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who 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 generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. **19** By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. *New Living Translation*

Nothing on this earth will satisfy us

Ecclesiastics 1:8 ... No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we are not content. *The Living Translation*

Life isn’t defined by what you have, but by whom you live for

Jesus on coveting

Luke 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” *New International Version*

Luke 12:14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter

between you?” **15** Then he said to them, “Watch out! **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed**; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” *New International Version*

Luke 12:16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. **17** He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ *New International Version*

Luke 12:18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. **Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.**’” *New International Version*

Luke 12:20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. **Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?**’” *New International Version*

Luke 12:21 “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” *New International Version*

The Apostle Paul learned to shut coveting off

Philippians 4:11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for **I have learned to be content** whatever the circumstances **12** I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret of being content** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **13** I can do everything through him who gives me strength. *New International Version*

Philippians 3:8 What is more, **I consider everything a loss** compared to the surpassing greatness of **knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ *New International Version*

Ways we steal without stealing

According to Inc.com the average employee waste 1.7 hours a day

Colossians 3: 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, **as though you were working for the Lord** rather than for people. **24 Remember** that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ *New Living Translation*

How we steal time

8 favorite ways employees’ waste time (Inc.com)

1. 35% on the Internet
2. 20% socializing
3. 17% personal business
4. 6.5% personal calls
5. 5.6% long lunches
6. 4% other
7. 3.6% staring blankly
8. 2.9% Hobbies

Ephesians 4:28 He who has been stealing **must steal no longer**, but must work, **doing something useful with his own hands**, that he may have something to share with those in need. *New International Version*