

MESSAGE NOTES

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“God's Top Ten...Nine & Ten: Be Content When the Answer is ‘No!’”

What truth do these two commandments remind us of?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

READ 1 Kings 21:1-16

1. Avoid the desire to: _____ !

What is the difference between wanting and coveting?

Define Coveting:

- Wanting something God clearly does not want us to have, wanting something so badly that we are willing to break one of God's Commandments to get it.

What are those things that God does not want us to have?

What is the answer to my heart's discontent?

- Romans 7:24-25 ²⁴ *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?* ²⁵ *Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.*
- Hebrews 13:5 ⁵ *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

2. Avoid the desire to: _____ !

In what ways did Ahab's coveting lead to sins against the rest of the Ten Commandments?

How does our coveting lead other people to sin?

What is our motivation for seeking God's will and not what we desire or want?

- 2 Peter 3:9 ⁹ *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*
- Matthew 8:20 ²⁰ *Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*
- Philippians 4:8 ⁸ *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

How can we please God with our wants and desires?

During the week:

Pray for contentment with what God has given you.