

# Do Not Covet

Just like the Israelites, there are lowercase-g gods all around us, influencing our priorities, our morality, even our eternity. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He wasn't just handing down a list of do's and don'ts, He was providing a plan to battle the lowercase-g gods in our lives.



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## INTRODUCTION

When we covet, we show dissatisfaction with what God has given us as we love what our neighbors have more than we love them. It not always visible to others, but it can lead us to sin further. Covetousness is the "god of more", so the remedy is to be content with what God has given us.

## STARTER QUESTION

1. We all struggle with covetousness in some form. Think of a time you have wanted something that someone else had. How did it affect your relationship with that person? How did it affect your relationship with God?

## INTO THE WORD

2. Read Isaiah 14:12-14 and Genesis 3:6. Lucifer was dissatisfied the role God had given him and coveted God's power instead. Similarly, Adam & Eve were unsatisfied with the bounty God provided for them and coveted fruit from the one tree God had told them not to eat. Based on these examples, what is the ultimate result of covetousness?
3. Read Colossians 3:5. Paul says that we must put to death what is earthly in us, including covetousness, which is a form of idolatry. How can greed cause us to violate other commandments?
4. In Philippians 4:11-13, Paul shares that we should be content no matter the situation we are in. Consider times you have felt discontent with the way things were going in your life. How might you overcome those feelings and be content with what God has given you?

## APPLICATION

5. In addition to giving financially, what are some examples of ways you could be more generous towards others rather than coveting?
6. Pastor David labeled covetousness as "the god of more" and told us that the remedy is contentment. How can you actively practice contentment and express gratitude in your daily life and/or in a particularly difficult or painful season of life?
7. Consider all Ten Commandments. After going through this sermon series, is there a particular commandment you struggle with? How will you improve that area of your life so that you can love God and your neighbors better?

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Ten Words that You have given us, which instruct us how we ought to worship You and love our neighbors. We ask that You give us wisdom and discernment, and that You would help us guard our hearts' so that we may keep Your Commandments. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.