

God's Relationship Guide
Part 10- "Keeping up with the Joneses"

Conclusion

This command reminds us that sin starts in the _____

To covet is simply to have a _____ for something

Sinful coveting is living a discontented life, jealous of others.

Godly coveting _____ a deeper connection with God

Living _____ lives in Christ will guard us from
jealousy, greed, and dissatisfaction.

Review

- Commands based on pre-existing relationship with God
- Based on 2 top commands: Love God, Love others
 1. God has top priority
 2. God not replaced or reduced
 3. God's name means something
 4. God gets time and focus
 5. Honor parents/elders
 6. Deal w/ anger against neighbor
 7. No lust-sexual use of others for self
 8. stealing-selfishness rather than care for others
 9. Love does no wrong to a neighbor

Exodus 20:17

Matters of the Heart

This command reminds us that sin is first a matter of the _____

Matthew 15:16-20: Sin comes from _____

What do we _____ one?

In Hot Pursuit

Coveting is simply a strong _____ for something

It's _____, neither good nor bad

Romans 7:7 – _____ for what is not yours

1 Corinthians 12:3 – Eagerly desiring what is good

What are your intentions? What are you _____?

Negative: Jealousy

Discontent, always wanting more, constantly _____
yourself to others, greed.

The American Way

In our culture, selfishness, jealousy, and greed have almost become _____
It's all about _____ and comparison

Effects

Reduces Others to Competition

If we are fixated on _____ others, they become _____ to defeat instead of people to love.

Keeps us from Being Content

Ecc. 5:10 – No matter how much you get, you always want a _____.
There will always be someone with _____ money or nicer things.

Are the things that person has really making them _____ ?

Leads to More Sin

1 Timothy 6:6-9
Coveting leads to more sin because you become willing to do _____ to get what you want.

Estrangement from God

1 Timothy 6:10 – If you are busy _____ other things, you won't be pursuing God.
This is how many people abandon their faith, they simply get _____.

Positive: Pursuing God

Psalm 119:36 – We should covet spiritual maturity. Pursue and Desire _____.
Coveting someone's relationship with God is okay!

Contentment

The lie of coveting: that you will be _____ with one more possession, status symbol, paycheck.
Pursuing God will result in _____ contentment!

Remedy for Coveting

Claiming and _____ what we have in Christ!

Colossians 2:1-15

Fullness of Christ

“Fullness”: To supply fully
Jesus is the almighty God who _____ everything the universe needs and holds it together!

Fullness for Us

- “Mystery of God”: The _____ . Prophets longed to see.
- “Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge”: No secret knowledge for just a few
- “_____ in your faith”
- “Buried and raised with Him”
- “_____ of sin”
- “Made Spiritually _____”

How could we possibly need or desire more?