

**God's Top 10 List!**  
**"Number 10: It's an 'I' Problem"**  
**Exodus 20:17 (page 53)**

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**W h a t is covetousness? (Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15; Col 3:5)**

- Covetousness is:

D e s i r i n g something that I cannot l e g i t i m a t e l y have  
**OR** better yet it, it is *desiring something* so s t r o n g l y that I  
don't c a r e whether God wants me to h a v e it or n o t.

- Covetousness is a form of i d o l a t r y (Colossians 3:5)

***Covetousness* is a personally h a z a r d o u s problem  
(Proverbs 23:4-5; Matthew 6:19-24)**

- It sets my affections on m a t e r i a l rather than h e a v e n l y things (Genesis 13:1-18; Colossians 3:1-2)
- It raises a b a r r i e r between my n e i g h b o r and m y s e l f (Joshua 7:1-26; James 4:1-3)
- It sets me on a course that is o p p o s e d to God's w i l l (2 Samuel 11:1-12:22; Ephesians 5:5-7)
- If u n c h e c k e d in my life, it will d e s t r o y me (Acts 5:1-10; Micah 2:1-4)

**How can I o v e r c o m e the *temptation* to covet?  
(2 Corinthians 9:6; Galatians 6:7)**

I am to:

- G u a r d my heart (Proverbs 4:23; 2 Timothy 1:14)
- Practice g e n e r o s i t y (1 Timothy 6:18-19; Proverbs 11:25)
- Be g r a t e f u l (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Psalm 92:1-2)
- Learn c o n t e n t m e n t (Philippians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:5-6)
- Build right p r i o r i t i e s (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 3:7-11)

**Getting an Eye-Full...**

Has covetousness been a struggle in my life? What is the biggest area I struggle with covetousness? Why?

Of the five ways to combat covetousness that were discussed, which one can I begin with this week? How will it help me?