

# 10 Words of Grace. A Study of the Ten Commandments.

Week #11: Do not covet anything that is your neighbour

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## Questions: #10 - Coveting.

1. If you could have something that someone else has right now but you don't, what would you take?
  - When you desire what others have, do you find that what you desire tends to be more about things, or about status, power, pleasure, etc?
2. The effects of coveting are fatigue, debt, worry, conflict & dissatisfaction.
  - Why are we all so willing to take on these difficulties in order to acquire what others also have?
3. The first essential question I must ask myself in terms of the 10<sup>th</sup> Command is, "Am I satisfied with what God has given me?"
  - Where are you satisfied with what God has given you?
  - Where are you dissatisfied? What influences you in this way?
4. Read 2 Samuel 11. What steps did David take in coveting something that he did not have? Where did he "cross the line" and become dissatisfied with what God gave him (Read 2 Sam. 12:1-10)
5. Read Philippians 4:10-13. How difficult would this have been for Paul? (Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-30 helps with this).
  - Has there been a time in your life, when you were without, but very content and happy?
6. Ken said that there are three skills to learn concerning coveting:
  - a) I stop comparing myself with others - the issue of *identity*.
  - b) I practice generosity - the issue of *insecurity*..
  - c) I refocus on what's going to last - the issue of *realignment*.
  - Which of these is your struggle today?
  - What is God trying to teach you in this struggle?
7. The second essential question to ask concerning coveting is *Am I coveting the things of God?*
  - What are the things of God?
  - How can you covet after these things?
  - Pray and ask God to direct towards coveting what He covets on your behalf. Note that the 10<sup>th</sup> Command does not say to avoid coveting, but only to covet after the right things.
  - nesty and an absence of love & truth.