

The Ten Commandments: "You Shall Not Covet..."

- Why this command?
 - Covetousness is the excessive desire for something,
 which takes us to do all we can to obtain it.
 - In a sense, covetousness is the beginning of many other sins. Exo. 20:17
 - It is something we cannot easily see, but God does. Exam. 1 Sam. 16:7
 - Covetousness will always bring problems instead of joys. Prov. 6:27-29; 15:27a; 22:7; 24:1-2

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- Examples of those who violated this command:
 - Achan at Jericho.
 Josh. 6:18-19; 7:20-21
 - Gehazi, Elisha's servant.2 Kings 5:20-27
 - Judas Iscariot.Luke 22:1-6

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- The lesson for us today:
 - Remember that we are not under any part of the law. *Col. 2:14, 16-17; Rom. 7:4*
 - But under the N.T. we are commanded to be careful with our desires. *James 1:14-15; Luke 12:15*
 - Covetousness is idolatry. Col. 3:5-6; Eph. 5:5
 - Such desires will always show what is in our hearts. Mark 7:20-23; Gal. 5:16-21

