

The 10th Commandment Exodus 20:17

Coveting has to do with an excessive craving for things that belong to someone else.

When we desire something or someone who belongs to another,
we are breaking this commandment.

When we want something at the expense of another, we are guilty of coveting.
Coveting is the root of all sins of thought, word, or deed against our neighbor.

James 1:14, 15

I. THE EFFECTS OF COVETING

a. Coveting reveals that my heart and life are focused on the wrong direction.

1 John 2:15-17

Jesus reminds us that where ever our treasure is, there our heart will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21

b. Coveting will keep me from loving God and loving my neighbor.

Romans 13:10

c. Coveting will lead to breaking many more of the commandments.

James 4:1-3

Remember David?

d. Coveting will ultimately lead to personal destruction.

Ephesians 5:5

II. PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Learn to be content with what you have.

Philippians 4:11-13

The key to being content with what you have is to be thankful for what you have.

Ephesians 5:20

If you are content with what you have, getting more will not make you happy.

III. LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

A. Resist comparing yourself to others.

2 Corinthians 10:12

Comparing yourself to others creates all kinds of dissatisfaction in your life.

1 Timothy 6:9

You can be possessed by your money and possessions if you're not careful.

B. Rejoice in what you have.

Ask God to open your eyes to His blessings.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

What you have is a gift from God.

1 Timothy 6:17

Be thankful for what you have.

C. Refocus your life around eternal priorities.

2 Corinthians 4:18