



# **Desires that Kill**

**Exodus 20:17**

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The Tenth Commandment forbids craving things that belong to others.

**Coveting is looking with desire at a person who belongs to someone else, as by marriage, or at another's possessions, or even craving someone else's circumstances; desiring for myself that which clearly belongs to someone else.**

**To covet is to sin against God by lodging a complaint against Him: "God, why haven't you given me what you gave to that other person?"**

**James 1:12-17 speaks to the temptation to covet, while reminding us that God is in control and is to be trusted by His people.**

**The example of Jesus in First Peter 2:19-24.**

**Psalm 73: A lesson in coveting.**

## **The warning of Jesus in Luke 12:15.**

### **Questions to Consider**

1. In what way does the Tenth Commandment speak to our hearts?
2. Read Philippians 4:10-20. What did Paul believe about God providing for his needs? What does coveting say about our trust in God's sufficient provision for what He knows we need?
3. What often causes you to struggle with coveting and discontentment? What was the last situation you were in that tempted you to complain against God?
4. Read First Peter 2:19-24. What circumstances was Jesus facing? How did He respond?
5. Read Psalm 73. How was the psalmist sinning? What changed his perspective? How did he acknowledge his own sin?
6. Read Luke 12:13-21. What warning did Jesus give? How can you apply His warning?

***Next Week's Sermon Text: Exodus 20:1-17***