

# Prayer Points

April 14, 2024

The Decalogue – The Heart of Sin

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## **Prayer Points:**

1. Pray that God would give you wisdom and discernment to find contentment in His provision for your life. To help you guard your heart against the temptation of covetousness and to trust in His perfect plan.
2. Confess that it is easy to be influenced by the pressures of our society, which can lead to discontentment and material desires. Pray for help to recognize and resist those influences, and instead, focus your heart and mind on gratitude for His blessings.
3. Pray that God would open your eyes to the countless ways He provides for you each day. Pray for help to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, acknowledging His loving hand behind every blessing. Teaching you to be content with what you have, knowing that true fulfillment comes from Him alone.
4. Pray for God to strengthen you and empower you to overcome inordinate desires and to submit to His guidance. Granting you the courage to surrender your selfish ambitions.
5. Pray for lives filled with freedom from worldly desires and a focused pursuit of God's will. Ask God to show you the steps you need to take to move closer to this ideal. Ask Him to fill you with a deep longing to know Him more, and help you to find true fulfillment in your relationship with Him.



## Reflection Questions

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### Reflection Questions:

1. How does the 10th commandment differ from the other commandments?
2. Why is covetousness considered the root of all other sins?
3. How does the advertising industry and social media contribute to a culture of covetousness and discontentment?
4. In what ways have you personally experienced the struggles and temptations of covetousness in your own life?
5. How does the prosperity gospel distort our understanding of God's provision and blessings?
6. How can we cultivate a thankful heart and find contentment in what God has already provided for us?
7. How does the Holy Spirit help us in our battle against covetousness and the sinful desires of the flesh?
8. Reflecting on Romans 7:24, do you find it challenging to fully grasp the depths of your sinful nature and the need for a Savior?
9. What does it mean for believers that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus?
10. How can we daily remind ourselves that our ultimate desire and satisfaction should be found in Christ alone?