

## Do Not Covet

Series: Where Life Flourishes: Engaging the 10 Commandments  
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### The Tenth Commandment - Exodus 20:17

“You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

#### A. Definition of Covet

1. To lust after or long for something \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Wanting something that never will be yours, should never be yours, and, in fact, belongs to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. To set your heart on something-to pant after something.

**James 4:1-3** What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don’t have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can’t get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong-you want only what will give you pleasure. (NLT)

#### B. Who is your neighbor?

**Colossians 3:1-5** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (ESV)

#### C. How Not To Covet-A radical perspective.

1. The right view of God. Look Up. (Colossians 3:1-2)
2. The right view of ourselves. Die. (Colossians 3:3-5)  
And then live and flourish in the knowledge of who we are in Christ.
3. The right view of what we have. Be thankful and content. (Hebrews 13:5)

The grass is not greener on the other side...it is greener when you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 3:12-17** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.