



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

Date: April 22, 2018

Theme: Coveting: Pay Attention to Your Desires

Passage: Exodus 20:17

Summary: Proverbs 30:15 // *"The leech has two daughters; 'Give' and 'Give,' they cry. Three things are never satisfied; four never say, 'Enough': Sheol, the barren womb, the land never satisfied with water, and the fire that never says, 'Enough.'"* This week we will look at the tenth commandment, "You shall not covet." Many have called this the root of all other covenantal infractions and there is perhaps no more important heart issue to give our attention to than that of coveting. Join us this week as we look at what the command means, why breaking it is devastating to the individual as well as the community, and how to guard our hearts against it by God's grace.

Outline:

Definition :: Coveting = an inordinate desire for something that is not ours

The Relationship between Command #10 and Command #1

The Supreme Issue of the Heart and the Radical Call to Vigilance

What Coveting Does:

- :: Leads to all other sin
- :: Breaks relationship with God and with others
- :: Destroys community
- :: Causes us to waste our lives on the wrong things
- :: Prohibits us from enjoying God's gifts

How to Discern Covetousness: Q's we must ask ourselves about our desires

Fighting Covetousness :: How to Cultivate a Vision for Glory

Discussion Questions:

1. What causes you to be most discontent?
2. What do you crave most in this life?
3. Does the object(s) of your desire have any hope of lasting?
4. What is your attitude towards others who possess what you don't?
5. Do you spend more time thinking about the world or the kingdom of God? What are you willing to sacrifice more for?
6. How are you cultivating a vision for God's glory?

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