

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

The Gift of Contentment

Exodus 20:17 and Philippians 4:10–13

Pages 61 and 982 in Church Bible

The Lord's Day Morning

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Meditation

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

–Exodus 20:17

Q113: What does the tenth commandment require of us? That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any of God's commandments should ever arise in our heart. Rather, with all our heart we should always hate all sin and delight in all righteousness.

- The Heidelberg Catechism

The results of desiring anything or anyone that is out of bounds for us:

1. It _____ our relationships with envy and jealousy.
2. It _____ us to disobey the other nine commandments.
3. It _____ our relationship with God by replacing him with created things.

Contentment is a discipline to be learned by:

1. _____ your expectations by considering what _____.
2. _____ comparison with those _____.
3. _____ with compassion to those _____.
4. _____ God’s generosity by giving thanks _____.