

Commandment # 10 = Contentment

10 commandments = 10 principles for success in Life!

6/9-10/18

Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When we covet – we say *"God will _____ satisfy me but THIS will & I choose THIS over God!"*

1. Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) Let your conduct be without COVETOUSNESS; be CONTENT with such things as you have. For **He Himself** has said, "I will **Never Leave You** nor forsake you.
2. Luke 12:15 (NKJV) And He said to them, "Take HEED and BEWARE of Covetousness, for one's **LIFE** does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."
3. 1 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV) But now I have written to you Not to Keep Company with anyone named a Brother, who is sexually immoral, or COVETOUS, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner - Not Even to Eat with such a person.
4. Ephesians 5:3 (NKJV) But Fornication and All Uncleaness or Covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;
5. Colossians 3:5 (NKJV) Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleaness, passion, evil desire, and COVETOUSNESS, which is **IDOLATRY**.

How do I know if I am **COVETING** what **OTHERS** have or if I just want **God** to **BLESS** me?

⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

The People Complain Harshly

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

¹⁴ You have said,

- 'It is **Futile** to **serve God**;
- What do we **GAIN** (*Profit*) by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?

¹⁵ But now

- we call the **Arrogant Blessed**, certainly
- **Eildoers Prosper** and even when they
- put **God** to the **Test**, they **get away with it.**"

The Faithful Remnant

¹⁶ Then those who **FEARED** the **Lord** talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who **FEARED** the Lord and **HONORED** his name.

¹⁷ "**On the DAY when I ACT**," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.

¹⁸ And you will again see the **Distinction** between the righteous and the wicked, between those who **serve God** and those who **do not**.

Bottom Lines

The tithe's Top Priority is _____ about God BLESSING us Financially!

The tithe is about PROTECTING our _____ so we can rest free from Greed & Covetousness!

We intentionally REDUCE our standard of living to HONOR & FEAR God (*as our owner*) and walk in peaceful contentment!

This allows us to be _____ to receive any blessings He wants to give us, without any greed!