

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Don't Covet
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Read Genesis 1:26-30; 2:15-17; 3:1-6
Read Exodus 20:17

Everyone has concern for their own well-being. It's one thing to consider your well-being. It's another to consider your well-being, the costs, and its impact on others. One pastor says, "Coveting is a passionate longing to possess something that is not yours. A covetous person is never satisfied. Covetous people fail to trust God to provide for them and assume God is holding out on them. The antidote for covetousness is contentment."

- Are there areas in your life where you feel like you're missing out?

- What are some dangers of coveting?

Read Luke 12:13-34
Read 1 Timothy 6:6-9
Read Philippians 4:10-14

One pastor defines contentment as "Contentment is being at ease where you are and being thankful for what you have. Contentment doesn't mean complacency; rather, it's learning to be satisfied until God gives you more or changes the situation. Complaining is empirical proof of discontentment. Content people know that God is acting on their behalf."

As the Apostle Paul references in Philippians 4, our lives will be full of different circumstances. In what areas of your life can you find greater contentment and better lean into trusting God's provision and timing for your life?

Take some time to pray about your life. Ask the Lord to...

- ...reveal any areas where you can find greater contentment and lean into trusting in His care.

- ...strength and courage to take the step of faith.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

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MESSAGE NOTES



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The 10 Commandments reveal...

- God's Nature,
- God's standards for relating to Him and others,
- and our need for a savior.

covet (def): to desire what belongs to another beyond reasonable limits; wrong or harmful desire for what belongs to another

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." ²⁹ Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened.

Genesis 1:26-30 (NLT)

¹ The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" ² "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, the woman replied. ³ "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" ⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Genesis 3:1-6 (NLT)

1. Coveting = passionate longing to possess something that is not yours.

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

Deuteronomy 5:21 (NLT)

2. The antidote to coveting = trust in God and contentment.

And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"

Luke 12:28 (NLT)

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NLT)