

The sin of our time

1) What does it mean to covet?

“The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour...” (Westminster Shorter Catechism)

2) Why does God hate coveting so much?

James 1:14-15 – But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desires. 15 Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

James 4:1-2 – What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don't they come from the cravings that are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain.

3) This is the commandment that shows we are all sinners

“This last commandment, then, is addressed not to those whom the world considers wicked rogues, but precisely to the most upright – to people who wish to be commended as honest and virtuous because they have not offended against the preceding commandments”. (Martin Luther)

4) What is the remedy to covetousness?

1) By getting everything that you want.

OR

2) By finding true contentment in Christ

Hebrews 13:15 – Your life should be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you”.

Philippians 4:11-13 – [...] for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. 13 I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Matthew 6:31-33 – So don't worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For the idolaters eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

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Psalm 61

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