

9th and 10th Commandment

Contentment can be one of the hardest emotions to embrace in our society. We love to compare what we have to others! But comparison, or coveting what others have, leads to many other sins. Consider the following questions as a family.

What is coveting?

What do the following verses teach us about coveting?

Romans 7:8

James 4:1-2

1 Kings 21:1-16

Coveting often leads down a dangerous path to other sins. How is coveting like idolatry?

What does this have to do with Jesus?

It's easy to make this commandment all about what we should do -- but it's important to remember that every commandment helps point us to God.

What do the following verses tell us about how covetousness affects our relationship with God?

James 1:13-15

Psalms 119:35-36

Philippians 4:8

Family Activity

It's very important that in our daily life we continually take time to address our priorities (the things we find important) and ask ourselves what we're chasing after in life. Often times this can point to what we're coveting.

There's nothing wrong with pursuing sports, music, or any other activity! But when it becomes more important than our faith life, it may be idolatry. There's nothing wrong with saving for things we want, but when we spend more of our financial resources on our wants instead of others' needs, it may be idolatry.

Instructions:

Use the weekly schedule below and fill it in for your family with as much detail as possible. Use a different color for each member to mark what activities fall where.

Then, write a list of the top 5 things your family spends time on and answer the following question: Does this reflect what we wish our family priorities were? Why or why not?

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7-8am							
8-9am							
9-10am							
10-11am							
11-12pm							
12-1pm							
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8-9pm							
9-10pm							
10-11pm							

Top 5 Time Priorities

Does this reflect what we wish our family priorities were? Why or why not?