

Sunday Morning, November 14, 2021
Series on the Tenth Commandment. The Warning about Coveting
1 Timothy 6:9–12

- I. Warning: Coveting Is a Root Cause— A Motive for Many Other Sins
1 Tim. 6:9–10; Rom. 7:7–8; Gal. 5:17; Jas. 4:2
 - A. As a Root Sin, Realize Coveting Is a Stubborn Sin

 - B. As a Root Sin, Repent of the First Desire of What God Forbids
 - 1. Three Degrees of Sinful Desires
 - Spontaneous, involuntary desire
 - Nurtured desire
 - Fulfilled desire

 - 2. We Sin Even with the Spontaneous Desires
Ps. 19:12; Ps. 90:8; Ps. 139:23–24; Jer. 17:9; Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Matt. 5:27–28; Rom. 7:15–25;
Col 3:5; Rom. 6:12; Rom. 13:14; 1 Pet. 2:11, 1:14

- II. Warning: Coveting Is the Slippery Slope— It Leads to Many Other Sins
 - A. Will Fall into Temptation 1 Tim. 6:9; Eccl. 6:9; 5:10

 - B. Will Fall into a Snare 1 Tim 6:9
1 Tim. 3:7; Amos 2:7; Prov. 28:20; 1 Thess. 2:5

 - C. Will Fall into *Many* Senseless and Harmful Desires 1 Tim. 6:9
Eccl. 5:10; 19:20; Eccl. 5:11; Job 1:21; Eccl. 5:15; Mk. 4:19; Lk. 12:18–21; Jas. 4:1–3

 - D. Will Fall Away from the Faith 1 Tim. 6:10–12; Eph. 5:3–5

 - E. Will Pierce Themselves with May Griefs 1 Tim. 6:11–12
Prov. 1:19; Prov. 8:35–36; Prov. 1:24–33

QUOTES:

“As envy is the antithesis of love, it is of all sins that is most opposed to the nature of God and more effectually than any other excludes us from his fellowship.” Charles Hodge

“Those that will not be content with their allotments shall not have the comfort of their achievements.” Matthew Henry

“Many a man’s gold has lost him his God.” George Swinnock

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 113. What does the tenth commandment require of us?

Answer. 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.

“Homosexual act and homosexual desire, by either male or female, are a violation of [God’s] creation ordinance and are thus sinful. As such the church must warn and rebuke those who call themselves Christians but persist in homosexual practice and the church must actively teach that homosexual affection is sinful. It can never suggest that there is a morally neutral, constitutional, homosexual orientation.” Ed Welsh

“We hold that there is always sin in the saints, until they are freed from their mortal frame, because *depraved concupiscence resides in their flesh*, and is at variance with rectitude. . . Whenever there is a desire, whenever a man says, “I wish I had...” even though he immediately rejects it and does not surrender to it, he is nevertheless guilty of coveting.” John Calvin Institutes, 3.3.10