

## 1 Corinthians 6 (12-5-10)

## COVETOUS "CHRISTIANS"

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:10** Nor thieves, **nor covetous**, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

The word *covet* is a synonym for *desire*:

**Exodus 20:17** **Thou shalt not covet** thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

**Deuteronomy 5:21** Neither shalt thou **desire** thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou **covet** thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

The English word covet is rooted in the word *cupid*; from where we see *concupiscence* and *cupidity*:

*Cupidity*: "An eager desire to possess something; an ardent wishing or longing; inordinate or unlawful desire of wealth or power." (*Web.*, 1828)

**Proverbs 21:25** The **desire** of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.  
26 He **coveteth** greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

**Habakkuk 2:9** Woe to him that **coveteth an evil covetousness to his house**, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

**James 4:17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

**Luke 12:15** And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness**: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:  
17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

22 And he said unto his disciples, **Therefore I say unto you**, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But **rather seek ye the kingdom of God**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**2 Corinthians 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the

knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;  
6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

**Colossians 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

**Jeremiah 6:13** For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is **given to covetousness...**

**Ephesians 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or **covetousness, let it not be once named** among you, as becometh saints;

**Hebrews 13:5** Let your conversation **be without covetousness**; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

**Psalms 10:3** For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and **blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.**

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

**Luke 16:13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees also, **who were covetous**, heard all these things: and they derided him.

**2 Timothy 3:1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, **covetous**, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

**Ezekiel 33:31** And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for **with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.**

**Ephesians 5:5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

**Matthew 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and **despise** the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

33 But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Joshua 7:21** When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, **then I coveted them, and took them**; and, behold, they are hid

in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

**Habakkuk 2:9** Woe to him that **coveteth an evil covetousness to his house...**

**1 Corinthians 5:11** But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or **covetous**, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; **with such an one no not to eat.**

**2 Peter 2:14** Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: **an heart they have exercised with covetous practices;** cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

3 And **through covetousness** shall they with feigned words **make merchandise of you:** whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

**1 Timothy 6:5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they **that will be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and **hurtful lusts**, which **drown men** in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted after**, they have **erred from the faith, and pierced themselves** through with **many** sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.