Exodus From Slavery to Sonship The Tenth Commandment Exodus 20:17 Part 41

The 10th Commandment: The Protection of the *Heart*

I. Covetousness Addresses the Heart.

Cf. 1 Sam.16:7; Prov.16:2

II. Covetousness Examined.

"covet" = to desire, take pleasure in, delight in (NT 'epithumeo' upon/passion)

Used positively: Gen.2:9; Psa.19:10; Isa.53:2; Matt.13:17; Lu.22:15; 1 Tim.3:1

Used negatively: Gen.3:6; Josh.7:21; Prov.6:22

Sin has affected our 'wanter' - Mark 7:20,21

Q. What is forbidden in the 10th commandment?

A. The 10th commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his. Cf. Lu.12:15; Gal.5:26; Col.3:5;

Q. What is required in the 10th commandment?

A. The 10th commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his. Cf. Rom.12:15; 1 Cor.13:4; 1 Tim.6:6-10; Heb.13:5

See - Jeremiah Burroughs – <u>The Rare Jewell of Christian Contentment</u> www.preachtheword.com/bookstore/contentment.pdf

III. Covetousness is No Small Thing.

Cf. Prov.4:23; Col.3:5,6; Eph.5:5; 1 Cor.6:9-11; Ja.2:10

IV. Covetousness, Conviction, Conversion and the Cross.

Cf. Acts 20:33,34; Rom.7:7-13; 1 Pet.2:24

V. Concluding Comments on the Ten Commandments.

Cf. Rom.3:19,20; Gal.3:24