



Group Discussion and Application

1. Desire can be righteous or sinful. What makes desire sinful?
2. List some righteous desires.
3. Define “*covet*” in your own words.
4. Several practical solutions for coveting were suggested in the sermon. Discuss these and add to them.
5. How does today’s marketing and advertising appeal to the covetous nature of man?
6. Define “*contentment*”. How may we develop contentment?
7. Why are earthly riches unable to produce contentment? (Eccl 5:10)
8. How can we develop desire for Christ and the things of Christ (a hunger for righteousness, etc)?
9. Explain the following verses: James 1:15; Matthew 13:22.
10. Having studied the 10 Commandments, what is the purpose of the law?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What sorts of things pose the greatest temptation toward coveting for you personally?
2. How content are you? What can you do to develop greater contentment?



Family Homework

1. This week keep track of all of the appeals made by marketers (via TV, billboards, magazines, catalogs, etc.) aimed to cause you to want something.
2. Keep a “thank-you” list this week of God’s blessings to you.
3. Spend time in prayer as a family counting your blessings and thanking God.



Keeping Ahead of the Joneses

Exodus 20:17

The 10th Commandment: “*You shall not covet...*”

1

The sin of coveting

2

The specifics of coveting

3

The symptoms of coveting

4

The solutions to coveting