

SERMON NOTES
God's Top Ten
Overcoming the Desire to Acquire
(Part 9)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." (Exodus 20:17)

"We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor's inheritance of house, nor obtain it by a show of right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it ... We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away from our neighbor his wife, servant, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty." – Martin Luther (The Small Catechism)

THE AFFECTS OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE:

1. **F**_____

"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint."
(Proverbs 23:4)

2. **D**_____

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless." (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

3. **W**_____

"The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep." (Ecclesiastes 5:12)

4. **C**_____

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it." (James 4:1-2)

5. **D**_____

"It is foolish to believe that wealth brings happiness." (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

(OVER)

CONQUERING COVETING

“I have *learned* the secret of being content in any and every situation.”
(Philippians 4:12)

1. R_____ COMPARISONS

“When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.” (2 Corinthians 10:12)

2. R_____ IN WHAT I HAVE

“Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work, this is a gift from God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

3. R_____ WHAT I HAVE TO HELP OTHERS

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus himself who said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)

4. R_____ ON WHAT I HAVE

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18) [GOSPEL]

The First Commandment
You shall have no other gods.

The Sixth Commandment
You shall not commit adultery.

The Second Commandment
You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

The Seventh Commandment
You shall not steal.

The Third Commandment
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The Eighth Commandment
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

The Fourth Commandment
Honor your father and your mother.

The Ninth Commandment
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

The Fifth Commandment
You shall not murder.

The Tenth Commandment
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.