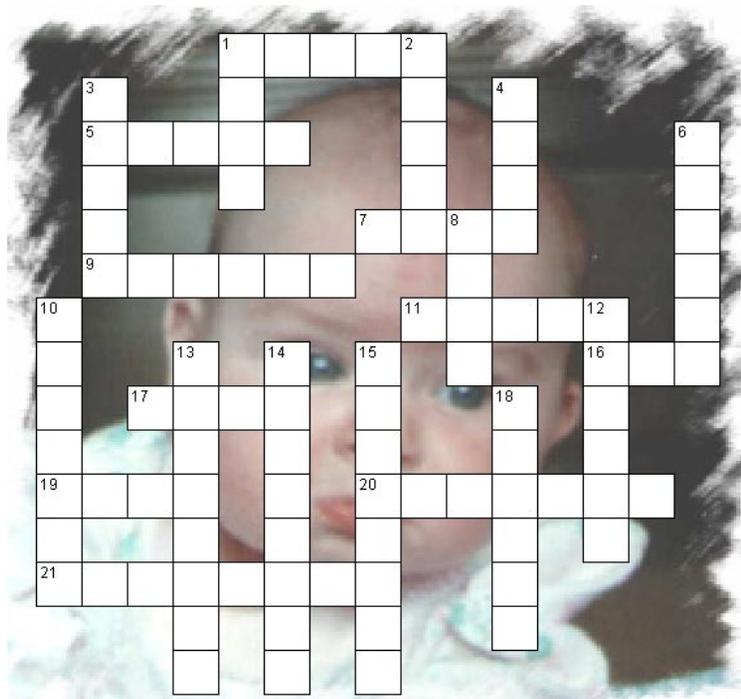


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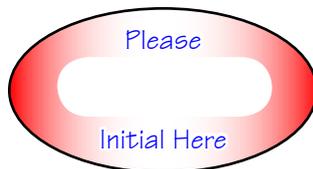


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| 1. ...forbidden His people to _____. | 1. ...the _____ of the knowledge of ... |
| 5. To _____ is to strongly desire... | 2. ...shall not covet your neighbor's _____ |
| 7. ...the first nine commandments _____ with sins that are outward... | 3. _____ took things from Jericho. |
| 9. ...sins that are outward in _____ | 4. Even the apostle _____ indicated... |
| 11. King _____ even committed serious... | 6. ...that belong to other _____. |
| 16. The first one to covet was _____. | 8. King _____ coveted a vineyard. |
| 17. Eve thought the tree of knowledge of good and evil would make her _____. | 10. We need to _____ our sin of coveting to the Lord and ask for His... |
| 19. ...belongs to someone _____. | 12. ...to strongly _____ something... |
| 20. The first nine commandments deal with sins that are _____. | 13. King Ahab coveted a _____. |
| 21. ...lying, _____ or even worse... | 14. ...caused sin in the outward _____. |
| | 15. ...to _____ desire something... |
| | 18. The tenth commandment deals with something _____. |

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The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Twenty -

The Tenth Commandment (1) You Shall Not Covet

I. Overview.

The first nine commandments, which we have looked at in the previous lessons, all address sins that are somewhat outward. In this lesson we will begin to look at the tenth commandment which addresses something inward – coveting. As an inward sin, coveting is actually the source of many outward sins such as lying, stealing, adultery and murder.

To covet is to greatly desire something that belongs to someone



If we find ourselves coveting we should resist and confess.

else. Coveting is often related to material things such as money and other possessions that we desire to have. But coveting can also be related to things that are not material such as beauty, intelligence and strength. When we strongly desire something that we don't have we become miserable and unsatisfied. When we covet things that belong to others, it can destroy our love for them. Coveting should be resisted and confessed.

II. Memory Verse.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife... nor anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

(Exo. 20:17)

III. Lesson.

With this lesson, we begin to consider the tenth commandment. The tenth commandment tells us that we should not covet. We should not covet our neighbor's house, wife, or other possessions. To covet means that we strongly desire to have things that belong to other people.

Coveting is an Inward Sin

While the first nine commandments deal with sins that are outward in nature, in our behavior, the tenth commandment deals with something inward. Coveting is something that happens within us. When in our heart we strongly desire something that belongs to someone else – that is coveting. Coveting within our heart can cause us to sin outwardly by lying, stealing or even worse things.

Examples of Coveting Causing Outward Sin

The Bible gives us some examples where coveting in the heart caused sin in the outward behavior. The first sin committed by the human race came from coveting. Eve was tempted by the serpent. Within Eve's heart she coveted the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because she thought it would make her wise.



Coveting is wanting something that we don't have.

Achan sinned by taking things from Jericho that God had forbidden his people to touch. He took the things because he first coveted them. King David even committed serious outward sins because of coveting in his heart. King Ahab coveted the vineyard of

his neighbor so much that he became truly miserable. Eventually, his wife killed the neighbor so King Ahab could have the vineyard.

Coveting Should be Resisted and Confessed

Even the apostle Paul indicated that he had trouble with coveting. All of us have trouble with coveting in our heart. Whenever we find that we are desiring things that belong to others, we should resist – this is coveting. We need to confess our sin of coveting to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness. He will give us the assurance that our sin is forgiven and we will be at peace. This will help us avoid other outward sins.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is coveting?

2. How is coveting different than the sins that are addressed by the other nine commandments?

3. What is the cause of many outward sins?

4. What should we do if we realize we are coveting?

