



Welcome back to the Ten Commandments Series: “JUST DO IT!”
“Commandments #10 Do not bear false witness/ envy” 2-26-17

Please catch last week’s sermon “10 Do’s Part 1” ENJOYLWC.com or DiscoverLighthouse.org
 Also find the “BEACON Devotional” at the website.

We like to start with something funny each week: I heard about this pastor who was opening his mail one afternoon. One letter had a single word, it said **”FOOL.”** (written in red bold letters!)
 The next Sunday the preacher announced, **“I have had many letters written to me over the years that have come WITHOUT A SIGNATURE.**
But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name in RED but forgot to write the letter!”

<Would the author of this letter please just raise your hand now ☺ >



We have a tradition: Grab your Bible and hold it up today:

“THIS IS MY BIBLE

I am what it says I am!

I HAVE what it says I Have!

I CAN DO what it says I can do!”

Today I WILL be taught the Word of God,

I boldly CONFESS: My Mind is Alert, my Heart is Receptive,

I will NEVER be the same, In Jesus name. (Pray)



NIKE SPORTS has coined the slogan that says what?

**“JUST _____” (DO IT!). Remember those traffic lights/signs you obeyed to get here today:
 These Commands are for ALL OF US TO MAKE IT SAFELY HOME (Eternally) JUST DO IT!**

- **First command:** 2“I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of slavery.” LIVE FREE! ~**JUST DO IT!** “What benefits did you reap from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death.” Rom. 16:21
- **Second command:** Exodus 20: 3“You shall have no other gods before^[a] me. Stop making or seeking idols to replace ME!” ... Conquer series we learned: **“Whatever you seek first when you are happy! That’s your idol. Whatever you seek first when anxious, that’s your idol!”**
 - You thought Rome had some idols??(50?) You are sitting on or next to a phone that can offer you up to nearly 2.5 Million APPS of Idolotry!

- **3rd:** 7 “**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**” **BLESS GOD’S NAME- JUST DO IT!**
- **4th:** 8 “**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**” Enjoy the Sabbath rest that God lovingly made for man. **“Do not forsake the gathering together as some are in the habit of doing”** because like a penguin in -40 they stand TOGETHER, or they go to Penguin Heaven/ hell. ☺ **COME TOGETHER at church weekly. JUST DO IT!**
- **5th:** “Honor your father and mother” – give their advice and wisdom weight. Comes with a promise of long life! ☺
- **6th:** “Do not murder” - Yet Jesus takes it further to not get angry, or call names, or hate (All which in that order LEAD TO MURDER) **JUST DO IT!**
- **7th** “Do not commit adultery” Conquer Group on Wednesday is taking this subject to task at every angle!! NICE! 32 Guys so far! ☺ I don’t care if you missed them all so far! JUMP IN NOW!! This is eternal and LIFE SAVING!
- **8th.** “You shall not steal” Emotionally, physically, or spiritually- **Auto tithe for those stealing from God in your bulletin . :-)** **JUST DO IT!**
- **9th:** “You shall not bear false witness” Don’t lie! There is TRUTH and there is a LIE. Only the TRUTH will set you free!

Today I want to talk to you about: **Commandment #10: YOU SHALL NOT COVET...**

Hebrew word for COVET (“Chamad”)= ‘selfish desire’ / or ‘Lust’ –

Hence to COVET is to reveal our heart's innermost intention: To be Selfish!

- Before Randy took the last scoop of ice cream he coveted it in his heart. Ha.
 - Before you Teens got out the door you called “Shotgun” so that you would get the coveted front passenger seat! Admit it! ☺ (No one calls “Shotgun” when my Mom is driving – It’s just too terrifying to be in the FRONT SEAT AT THOSE SPEEDS with an 87 year old! Seriously!)
 - Some are coveting this sermon being done ~ That is a bummer cuz we are just getting started! Ha.
- **Illustration: Actually as a Teen I COVETED BEING LIKED in my public school. Being in the popular crowd. Who didn’t want to be accepted?**
 - **Now it wasn’t good enough that I was accepted in Christian circles. I was blessed to be involved in youth and church! LOVED IT!! but there was ONE THING satan had a hold on me ~ I wanted to be accepted by my school peers, and this one huge music honor as a Sr. went to a friend who was “more popular” and that made my heart COVET – It brought deep pain and anger – this girl had no intent to go out and do what I was my profession “Vocal performance” I remember my Dad call and work me thru it in such love and Godly perspective “ That scholarship will be covered by God, let it go and GO SING FOR CHRIST!” and that dropping Covet SAVED MY CONTENMENT!**

12:15)“Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn” **This is our personal remedy for a covetous spirit. GOD VALUES CONTENTMENT** For when we are content we reflect Who God is like.

THE OPPOSITE of Coveting is CONTENTMENT! So as we learn about things we may COVET, REPLACE COVETING WITH CONTENTMENT!

SO WHAT DOES THIS COMMANDMENT REALLY SAY?

Exodus 20:17 ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” **COVETING IS THE SPIRIT OF UTTER SELFISHNESS! Amen?**

Let’s play the COVET GAME according to this commandment:

- **What happens when you Covet your neighbors House!?** (shout out some answers!)
- **YOUR SELFISH DESIRE FOR THIERS WILL DESPISE & neglect YOUR HOUSE!**
 - Meanwhile **Your attitude of thankfulness to GOD FOR YOUR HOUSE IS GONE!** Imagine what that does to your JOY? You will neglect contentment and become bitter with God for not treating you fairly (bought a lie)
 - the pit of **SELF PITY** and a lie is born and blinds you to **GOD’S BLESSING!**
 - **TRUTH:** That house has way more upkeep & expense than you have! ☺Let them struggle with the mansion, enjoy your shack (cuz 99% of world would give a leg to trade houses with YOU!) – Your palace!
- **What happens when you covet your neighbor’s wife??**
 - You will find Disappointment in God’s provision! You will only see your Bride’s flaws if you **LUST AFTER** your neighbor’s wife- cuz you bought a lie. **THAT neighbors wife is an OPEN GRAVE** looking for the right day to put a bullet in your temple and bury you you in her back yard! (she **NEVER LOVED YOU!**) ~ **RUN FROM THIS OPEN GRAVE** and do not look back! **REMEDY:** Pray for God to cause you to fall in **LOVE** with your wife again, that husband again! **KICK THE DEVIL SQUARE IN HIS UGLY TEETH!** ☺
 - **TRUTH:** That neighbors wife has 10x the problems your lovely wife has!
- **What happens when we covet our neighbor’s wealth(his ox, servants, his donkey) – his ability to hire a house cleaner! His credit to buy fancy cars, play stations, expensive shoes!?**
 - When You covet (**LIVE & LUST FOR**) what they can afford **YOU WILL DESPISE WHAT YOU HAVE** and that is sin. It’s looking God in the face and spitting on the ground and saying “You aren’t **ENOUGH!**” “I don’t have **THAT!**” (what did you just think of????????????? That is **IT FOR YOU!** Deal with it today ☺)
 - **TRUTH** of lusting after That neighbor’s “Stuff”: **IT JUST EXPOSES THE LIES** in your life: You believe that life’s unfair and that you deserve something you don’t. **IF WE ALL GOT WHAT WE DESERVE~** It sure wouldn’t be a pretty thingamen? Be careful what you threaten God with.

So, Before we hit Decision time let’s hit one more angle:

SINCE Coveting is the sin of SELFISHNESS/ GREED – then remember this

Ephesians 5:5 ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.^[a]

SO GREAT! How can I be saved from my SELF CENTERED SELFISH SELF?????

Psalm 73:25 (NIV)

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? (GOD is your salvation! ENJOY more time with HIM!!)
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.....

It is OK to want a few things “Wanting is.....”

- Wanting a better grade by working harder.
- Wanting a job by applying yourself and being a DOER!
- Wanting a car by being willing to start within your means.

Coveting is "bad wanting"

- Wanting what belongs to someone else, feeling “ENTITLED”
- Wanting what is evil, sinful because you want to please your flesh.
- Wanting to the point of greed because **Pepsi** said, “**GOTTA HAVE IT!**”
- Wanting things so badly that you are discontent and UNHAPPY when you have less – COMPARISON! You are NOT others, you are you and Choose to enjoy “ME”.

How to stop coveting?

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

- Be thankful for what you do have- GO on a RIGHTEOUS RANT WITH GOD! Woo hoo!
- Repent of evil desires - Ask forgiveness and be CONTENT instead of CONTENTIOUS!
- OTHERS FIRST! You have it pretty GOOD!

Galatians 5:24 (NIV)

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

DECISION TIME: CHOOSE TO BE CONTENT TO BE

- **WHO YOU ARE** (Covetous/ empty/ bitter OR CONTENT?)

Let’s all pray this out loud together repeat after me “*Lord Jesus* (repeat), *forgive me of my sins* (repeat), *come into my heart* (repeat), *I make you my Lord and Savior* (repeat).”

Romans 10:9 “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Extra Notes:

LOVE sums up the laws: Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. Love should keep your mouth from taking His name in vain and it should bring you & I to His house to gather regularly. **HONORING. JUST DO IT!**

Jesus has something to say about each of the 10 Commandments. Mt. 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law (the 10 Do’s) but to fulfill them.”

POWERFUL STATEMENT: Francis Schaeffer, a Christian philosopher, wrote, “Any time that we break one of the other commandments of God, it means that we have already broken this commandment, in coveting.”* Think about it.

- When a person steals he first covets what he steals;
 - when a person lies, she first covets what will be gained by lying, and so on.
 - In that way, the sin of coveting is at the root of many failures about to happen.”
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- **First command:** ²“I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of slavery.” Coveting (lusting) what the enemy has- enslaved by the lust for that forbidden fruit.
 - **Second command:** Exodus 20: ³“You shall have no other gods before^a me. Stop making or seeking idols to replace ME!” Coveting (lusting) what other gods of fame, money, status may give you...
 - **3rd:** ⁷“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” Coveting (lusting) the acceptance of others at the cheapening of God’s Holy Name.
 - **4th:** ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” Coveting (lusting) the so called freedom of others to do whatever they desire on the Sabbath,
 - **5th:** “Honor your father and mother” – Coveting the god of self to be elevated above the wisdom and nurture of parents
 - **6th:** “Do not murder” - Yet Jesus takes it further to not get angry, or call names, or hate (All which in that order LEAD TO MURDER) Coveting the selfish nature of being RIGHT. The lack of wisdom to live peacefully with all men.
 - **7th:** “Do not commit adultery” Coveting your neighbors wife or to get off the bubble of what God gave you and to bring disaster by wanting what is not yours.
 - **8th:** “You shall not steal” Stealing is lusting after what is NOT YOURS and then acting on it.
 - **9th:** “You shall not bear false witness” Don’t lie! To lie is to covet untruth to prevail over the TRUTH. Only the Truth can set you free.