

Bible/College Class Notes - Lesson 178 10 Commandments

Coveting is criticising God’s kind provision for us.

This week we consider the 10th of God’s 10 Commandments.

Thou shalt not covet.
Exodus 20v17.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Psalm 136v1-12 (Give thanks unto the LORD)	
Monday	Psalm 136v13-26 (For His mercy endureth for ever)	
Tuesday	Luke 12v15-31 (The covetous rich fool - judged)	
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6v1-21 (The love of money – root of all evil)	
Thursday	Hebrews 13v1-16 (Be content, not covetous)	
Friday	Mark 10v17-27 (Have we kept all the commandments?)	
Saturday	Psalm 39 (Set our hearts on knowing God)	

Important thought for all of us: God’s character is the complete opposite to **covetousness**. God is kind, good, loving, merciful, and gracious; generously providing all that we need physically, and spiritually. He is immutable – He never changes. All true believers have a desire to emulate Him. The Lord Jesus lived a life full of example and teaching. As we read our Bibles look for teaching on this. The goodness of the LORD is on every page. Christ even gave His life that we might be saved. He asks us to give Him back our life. All that He has blessed us with should be used in His service – our time, our skills, possessions, money.

What is your service for the Lord?

Hymn 39v3 – Our hymn recognises the need to lay up treasure in Heaven, not on earth.

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| 1. Almighty maker of my frame,
Teach me the measure of my days,
Make me to know how frail I am,
And spend the remnant to Thy praise. | 2. Vain the ambition, noise and show!
The cares which rack the human mind!
Heaping up treasures, mixed with woe,
We die and leave them all behind. |
| 3. O make a nobler portion mine!
My God, I bow before Thy throne;
Earth’s fleeting treasures I resign,
And fix my love on Thee alone. | 4. Save me, by Thine almighty arm,
Forgive my waywardness and sin,
May guilt and folly no more harm,
As I a life renewed begin. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The 10 Commandments – God’s Moral Law, His Rules for all time.

God’s 10th Commandment – “Thou Shalt Not Covet”. a very serious sin.

God’s character is the opposite. By His grace He kindly gives us all we need.

▪ **What is Coveting?**

- **Coveting is a heart sin** which leads us to act sinfully in very many ways.
- **It is wanting, desiring, dreaming of, or demanding things** which belong to someone else. Things we do not need; things of no real benefit to us.
- **Covetousness is a Ferocious Flame** – burning in our hearts and souls. It can grow and grow, taking over our lives, making us very unhappy.
- **Wanting more than God has provided** is an insult to God’s kind provision. Satan tempted Adam & Eve to Covet. Consider The Fall’s tragic outcome.

▪ **The Folly of Coveting.**

- Deceitful & Selfish desires for more chokes the Word of God in our hearts.
- The love of riches deceives, trapping us into thinking only of this evil world.
- Our possessions cannot be taken with us into eternity - very short-sighted.
- We can even covet our sinful way of life by enjoying our sins.
- Covetousness brings dissatisfaction and emptiness of soul. No peace or joy. It grows like a cancer, placing us on a treadmill which turns ever faster.

▪ **The Sinful Results of Coveting.**

- **Gives birth to other sins** – ingratitude, jealousy, envy, stealing, murder, etc.
- **Greed** - causing oppression of the poor and weak – spitefulness, hate, war.
- **It insults the LORD God** – our heart and affection given over to ‘things’.
- **If a Christian covets then the Lord’s Holy Name is dishonoured.**
- **Coveting is one of the worst sins** – it will shut us out of eternal Heaven.

▪ **The Cure for Covetousness is to Think Spiritually. Weigh up the Benefits.**

- Setting our heart’s affections upon the Lord our God and His perfect gifts.
- Be completely content with that which God has given us. **1 Timothy 6v6-8.**
- The Lord expects us to give gladly to His service. Our time and money.
- Christians are to **‘lay-up treasure’ in Heaven, (Spiritual wealth)** Matthew 6v19-21.)

‘Covet’ God’s forgiveness and His salvation which is only found by our trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. He is the only One Who can satisfy our soul.

The Lord Jesus teaches us, *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (His forgiveness); and all these things, (everything we need), shall be added unto you”.*

Matthew 6v33.