

Ten Commandments (Part 64)  
(The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment – Part 1)

Exodus 20:17: “*You shall not covet.*”

### I. The Proper Enumeration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

-v. 17 contains one commandment, not two

### II. The Prohibitions and Requirements of the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

-Prohibitions: The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment forbids lust, greed, envy, resentment, and discontent.

WSC Q#81: “*What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*” Answer: “*The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.*”

-Requirements (Law of Contraries: “Prohibitions imply positive obligations.”): The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment requires contentment and gratitude.

WSC Q#80: “*What is required in the tenth commandment?*” Answer: “*The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.*”

### III. The Spiritual Nature of the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

-The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment is different from all the others (Rom. 7:7-11).

-The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment reveals the spiritual nature of the whole Law.

### Practical Lessons

- 1) We must see coveting as God does (Josh. 7; Mark 7:21, 22; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5, 6; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10).
- 2) We must see ourselves as God does (Gen. 6:5; 8:21; 1 Sam. 16:7; Ps. 19:12; 90:8; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 11:28; John 15:13; Heb. 4:13; Rom. 7:24, 25; 1 Pet. 2:24).