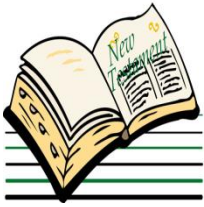


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Tenth Commandment: Heart Desires"

Text: Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21

Theme: Every single one of the Ten Commandments involves the heart, but the Tenth Commandment seals the deal and puts the lid on all of them by zeroing in on *desire* that springs from one's heart. The Tenth Commandment exposes and lays bare the human heart.

## I. Exposition of Exodus 20:17

A. The order of items listed begins with a general term that includes the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person's \_\_\_\_\_

B. The meaning of "covet"

1. Coveting is a \_\_\_\_\_ kind of \_\_\_\_\_ that wants to \_\_\_\_\_ what God says is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Coveting is \_\_\_\_\_ desire that goes beyond the proper \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Law.

## II. The Westminster Larger Catechism on the Tenth Commandment

A. Positive virtue of being \_\_\_\_\_

B. Sin of \_\_\_\_\_ other people

## III. Paul's Use of the Tenth Commandment in Romans 7

• The Tenth Commandment makes the heart's desire \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. Applications

A. The Tenth Commandment \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_ God's requirements.

B. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in life oftentimes signals a \_\_\_\_\_ heart that in turn reveals an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

C. The Tenth Commandment summarizes and focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the other commandments - your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What is the Tenth Commandment (Exodus 20:17)?
2. What does the word "house" signify?
3. What might the relatively lengthy list of things forbidden to covet mean?
4. What is the basic meaning of the word "covet"?
5. Is desire in itself sinful?
6. What are some good desires that the Bible identifies?
7. What is coveting?
8. How exhaustive is the scope of the Tenth Commandment?
9. What are the two prominent themes about the Tenth Commandment that the *Westminster Larger Catechism* highlights?
10. How does Paul use the Tenth Commandment in Romans 7?
11. Why is the stress on desires, feelings, and motivations from the Tenth Commandment so critical to your life?
12. Are you responsible for the ways in which you feel and the things about which you desire?
13. How content in life would you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 (1=extremely and chronically discontent; 10=serenely satisfied every moment of every day)?
14. How do you overcome those times in life when you are discontent?
15. How relevant is the issue of the heart's desires in contemporary discussion of sexuality matters? How is the concept of "sexual orientation" viewed today? What Scripture or Biblical concepts should be taken into consideration in this discussion? How does the Tenth Commandment affect this issue?