

# Judas Prepares for Jesus' Death

Matthew 26:14-25

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## **Introduction:**

You all know the tenth commandment, don't you?

- The one that says, "You shall not covet?"
  - You know, we recited it together a while ago in our service.
  - "You shall not covet."

But no, that's not what the tenth commandment says.

- It doesn't say "you shall not covet,"
- It says,
  - Exodus 20:17: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Coveting itself is not wrong.

- To covet is to have a very strong desire for something and that is not necessarily wrong—in fact, it can be very right!
- In both the Old and the New Testament, the same word is used to speak of good desires as well as bad desires...
  - For example, Psalm 19:10, speaking of God's law and testimony and statutes and commandments says,
    - Ps 19:10 "More to be **desired** [or **coveted**—it is the same word as in the tenth commandment] are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold."
    - Here God is saying that it is right and good for us to covet—if we are coveting his precious word!
  - Likewise, in 1 Cor 12:31, Paul is speaking to the Corinthians who were misusing spiritual gifts and so he advises them,
    - 1 Cor 12:31: "But earnestly desire the best gifts..."
    - The word in the original is the same that elsewhere is translated "covet."
      - The Old King James Version says,
        - 1 Cor 12:31: "Covet earnestly the best gifts."

- So you see that it is not coveting that is wrong, but coveting your neighbour's house or his wife or anything else that is your neighbour's.

Now of course I am being a little silly here to make a point...

- It is certainly correct to say that the tenth commandment teaches us not to covet.
  - Even Paul abbreviates the tenth commandment in that way when he speaks about it in his letter to the Romans.
    - He says, "the law says, you shall not covet."
    - Words have to be used in context.
      - A statement can be true in one context that is false in another.
- But I want to make the point that strongly desiring something that God has promised to give you is not covetousness!
  - There is a certain brand of piety that teaches us not to desire anything, but to just passively wait...
    - but God's best servants had very strong desires—they yearned that God would give them what He had promised...
      - Like Jacob, they wrestled with God and would not let Him go until He had blessed them...
      - Like Moses, they pled with God to not destroy His rebellious people, but to save them...
      - Like Paul, they yearned for the salvation of their brethren...
      - We are even told that Jesus Himself:
        - Hebrews 5:7 "in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, was heard because of His godly fear."
- When, then are strong desires wrong?
  - Strong desires are wrong when you are willing to set God and His Word aside in order to get something you want!
  - They are wrong even when you are willing to think favourably about having something that the LORD has clearly not given to you—
    - such as your neighbour's wife.

You will remember in the parable I told you a couple of weeks ago that Junior's favourite uncle and aunt were coming to visit him...

- You remember, Junior was gladly getting his room ready for them because he loved them so much...

- Well I didn't tell you then, but Junior's uncle and aunt had a son named Bill who was about junior's age—
  - Junior was eight at this time—and Bill was coming to!
- Now Cousin Bill had a lot of really great electronic games...
  - And he had brought one of these games with him.
    - When he visited the year before, he had given Junior one of his games, and Junior was hoping Bill would give him the game he brought this year!
      - Junior absolutely loved it! He couldn't get enough of it.
  - Now Junior's cousin had also been eying something...
    - Junior's father had a gun cabinet, and Bill had been pestering Junior to get his father's keys and open the gun cabinet so they could play with the guns.
      - "Come on Junior, you don't have to tell them about it... we can just take them out in the woods behind your house and try to shoot a squirrel or something... I know how to use a gun... Why not?"
    - Junior knew that his father trusted him not to take his keys without asking, and that he was never supposed to go into the gun cabinet.
      - But as Junior thought about that Bill's game, and as he knew that his cousin knew how much he wanted it,
        - he finally said, "What will you give me if I let you play with my father's guns?"
        - Immediately Bill said, "I'll give you this game!"
          - Immediately Junior began to look for an opportunity to get his father's keys!
          - He was willing to betray his father's trust in order to get that game.
            - Junior and Bill played with the guns and no harm came of it, I mean, they didn't get hurt and they didn't hurt anyone...
      - But that was not the tragedy!
        - The tragedy was that Junior sinned against God and against his father because of covetousness.
        - His father found out because Junior and Bill forget to clean one of the guns and left it loaded.
          - Junior was severely chastened.
          - His father had trusted him, and Junior had betrayed that trust.

As we turn to our text today, we come to consider the wretched way in which Judas prepared for the death of His LORD.

- We have already seen how God the Father purposed this death in His sovereign gracious plan...
- And how the Jewish leaders prepared for this death in their selfish, foolish, and uncertain scheming and plotting...
- And how Mary of Bethany prepared for His death by anointing Him with the entire contents of a bottle of precious oil to honour Him...
- And now we see how Judas prepared for his death by betraying Him...

### **I. See here the great wickedness of Judas!**

A. The very fact that one man would deliver an innocent man over to his enemies is itself enough to expose the desperate wickedness of this man!

- That he should have so little regard for the life of another human being that he would give him to suffer the pains of torture and crucifixion...
  - That he should have so little regard for what is just and right that he would be willing to facilitate the suffering of one who had done no wrong.
- The whole thing is monstrous!
  - What kind of vile, polluted heart is it that would stoop so low?
  - Truly it is as heart that is desperately wicked—wicked beyond understanding.

TRANS> Even before I show some of the aggravations of this sin, you can see that it ranks high on the evil scale.

B. But how much more unspeakably wicked do we find this man to be when those aggravations to his sin are brought to light...

1. It's bad enough to turn an innocent man over to his murderous enemies...
  - but how much worse it is when that man is a trusted friend who has loved you and been kind and gracious to you all the while that you have known Him?
  - How much worse when you wholly disregard all the years of intimate friendship and trust!
  - Judas had lived with Jesus day and night for three years...
    - He had been on many journeys with Him...
    - Even on the very night that he betrayed Him,
      - he sat at the table with him and ate bread with him, sharing table fellowship with Him...

- which in those days was a pledge of friendship.
- Jesus describes him in v. 23 as
  - Matt 26:23: “He who dipped his hand with me in the dish.”
- None of this mattered to Judas...
  - He had no regard for His friend or for the sacredness of friendship.
  - He was willing to violate this trust...

TRANS> But that is only the first aggravation of his wretched wrong...

2. Consider secondly that he was one of the twelve...
  - a. Matthew seems to highlight this fact in verse 14 when he speaks of Judas expressly as “one of the twelve.” He says:
    - Matthew 26:14: Then **one of the twelve**, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests...
  - b. Not only was Jesus a friend and companion to Judas...
    - He Judas’s Master.
      - Judas was a student and servant who was admitted to the privilege of serving under the Messiah Himself...
        - even the Messiah who was none other than the Son of God incarnate!
    - Judas knew the good purpose of his Master—
      - that He had come to establish a kingdom of righteousness in this sinful world...
      - He knew his Master’s sincerity...
        - He had witnessed His kindness and power day after day.
        - He had seen Him
          - cure lepers,
          - multiply bread to feed the multitudes,
          - give sight to the blind,
          - cause the lame to walk,
          - hush storms with a mere word.
      - Judas had seen what Abraham and Moses and David had longed to see.
  - c. And yet, even all this did not deter him from his wicked work.

- He had been given all this privilege and now it meant nothing to him...
- He had no honour for the most honourable master a disciple could ever have!
- He had no love for the most beneficent Master a disciple could ever have!
- His heart was cold and callous—
  - and so it was that Judas,
    - one of the twelve...
    - went to betray his Master, his friend, an innocent man.

TRANS> But there is still more to aggravate this despicable deed...

3. Consider thirdly that Judas betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver!
  - a. Many people like to run off into wild speculations about what Judas' motive might have been,
    - but the Scripture goes no further than to reveal to us his appalling question...
      - “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?”
    - Judas betrayed him because of covetousness...
      - because of the love of money!
      - He did it for thirty pieces of silver!
        - Probably equivalent to about \$12,000 in our money.
  - b. Covetousness, when it lays hold of a man, turns him into a monster!
    - Well does the Bible say that the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil!
      - Two friends go out to dig for gold,
        - They find it become bitter enemies!
      - What will a man do for covetousness?
        - He will deliver an innocent man to his enemies to be crucified...
          - he will deliver his friend to his enemies to be unjustly crucified...
          - he will deliver his lord and master to his enemies to be unjustly crucified.
          - he will do it for thirty pieces of silver!

TRANS> It seems incredible that Judas would commit such an appalling act!

**II. But I want you to consider that in Judas we see a graphic display of the wickedness that is native to our own hearts.**

A. Adam, the father of us all, our representative, and the one from whom we all derive our corrupted nature,

- did the same thing Judas did for the same reason...
  - For covetousness, he committed treason against the King of Heaven.

1. Listen to what the scripture says in Genesis 3:6:

a. Gen 3:6: So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

- She found herself greatly desiring this tree—
  - that it was good for food,
  - pleasant to the eyes and
  - a tree desirable to make one wise!
- There was this yearning to be out from under the authority of God that she might eat from this tree...
  - There was this yearning to be independent of Him.
  - It was a very strong desire—a covetous desire to have something that God had withheld...
    - A desire to be like God...not merely to have his image (which she did), but to have His very throne!
      - to be the One in charge!
      - to be the One who judges between good and evil!

b. And so it was that for covetousness, she and her husband with her ate.

- They ate from the tree, and by eating, declared that they would not have the LORD to rule over them...
  - By eating from this tree, they said in effect,
    - “We declare our independence from God.”
    - “Rather than doing things according to His command, we shall henceforth act according to our own wisdom and desire.”
    - “We will no longer serve under the LORD our Maker, but we will be our own masters.

c. You only need to look around to see how deeply rooted this treason is...

- How willing we are to set aside the law of God and put our own government in its place!
    - Even though we may agree with God’s Law at certain points—
      - for example, we may agree that murder is wrong...
      - such agreement in no way ameliorates our treason!
  - If Absalom take the throne from David, he may keep many of the laws of his father,
    - but that does not make his treason less treasonous...
    - He has overthrown the king and set himself up in his place.
2. This act of Adam was an act of the very highest treason and it was most wickedly committed.
- a. Though the LORD had created Adam and Eve, and had provided paradise for them with all manner of delectable joys and privileges,
- they were dissatisfied that He should rule over them...
  - They wanted to have something that He had not given them,
    - so they set out to get it even though this meant they must trample upon Him as their Master.
    - He had gotten in their way and they were minded to remove Him.
    - They would not be controlled by His will, but by their own covetous desire.
- b. This sin was aggravated by the fact that the LORD is our ruler by right...
- 1) First of all, by right of creation.
- It is through Him and by Him and for Him that we have our being...
    - We did not bring ourselves to be, but He brought us to be.
    - Our chief and highest end is to glorify Him—we are here for Him, not for ourselves!
      - Don’t pretend that you have no creator—it is a lie and you know it—it is absurd!
- 2) Secondly, he is our ruler by right of His excellence and virtue...
- We are not wise enough or strong enough to govern ourselves...
  - He is the one who holds our life together even now...
    - He opens His hand and we are fed, He closes it and we starve.



- He is the one who restrains us so that we do not utterly destroy each other.
  - It was a great sin to reject the One who on whom you are totally dependent if you are to continue to exist!
  - Even an ox knows his master.
- c. This sin of Adam was further aggravated by the fact that the LORD is a gracious, kind, and benevolent God.
- He had done nothing to give Adam cause for discontent except to rule over Him...
    - That was His only offence—
      - that He remained in charge...
      - that He withheld the highest seat from one who was in way capable or worthy to have it.
    - Adam and Eve acted because they thought it would be better if they were in charge of themselves.
- B. And so it was by this act of our first parents that our hearts were turned away from God and from faith in Him.
1. We (the human race in Adam), all fell together in Adam—we all acted in Adam.
    - a. Adam acted as a public person, representing not only himself, but all his offspring.
    - b. You can easily see how deeply rooted his rebellion is in each one of us.
      - If something comes along that we greatly desire,
      - we have all of us cast of the government of God to have it!
  2. We are blinded so as to think that we are better off breaking away from God to obtain our desires than remaining under His rule...
    - a. Nobody ever does something he believes will make his life worse...
      - Even if you commit suicide, you do it because you think you would be better off dead.
      - Otherwise, you wouldn't do it.
    - b. Hebrews describes faith as believing that God is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
      - You commit sin when you no longer believe that God is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him...

- You sin because you believe that you will gain a greater reward if you go your own way!
  - You say, in effect, “It will be better for me if I trample over God’s commandment and grab hold of this thing that I desire.
3. You show that this same wickedness is rooted in your heart whenever you covet...
- a. Every time you set your affection on whatever good you thing will come to you if you go your own way,
    - You show that you are a child of Adam and the brother of Judas...
    - You show that you are willing to set God aside in order to pursue whatever it is you want.
    - You think life will be better if only you can have your thirty pieces of silver and you are willing trample over God’s commandments to get it.
  - b. Of course there is a great difference that comes when you are born again...
    - 1) Then your heart is changed so that you come to God that you may be ruled by Him again...
      - You turn to Jesus that you may receive pardon for your sin and might be given strength to live a new life for God.
      - But until you are perfected in glory,
        - the remnants of corrupt Adam remain—
          - You covet and desire and yearn for things that God has not permitted you to have...
          - And instead of submitting to His will,
            - you crave it until at last your lust breaks out into sinful rebellion...
            - As James says, “When lust has conceived, it brings forth sin.”
            - Sin is always the child of covetousness...
              - which covetousness is itself sin—sin in the seed.
      - 2) In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows us that covetousness is sin in the seed.
        - There, He told His disciples that if they look on a woman to lust after her they have already committed adultery in their heart...
        - And that if they hate their brother, they have already committed murder in their heart...
          - It is not the same as committing adultery and murder,

- but it is to commit adultery in the heart and murder in the heart.
  - That is what covetousness is—sin in seed form that if not corrected will soon sprout and blossom.
  - When we desire what lies outside of the boundaries that God has set,
    - our desires has already broken through the boundaries of His authority.
    - If God does not graciously restrain us, we will go headlong into sin.
- c. I could give you a thousand examples of things we covet...
- 1) We covet acceptance of our peers,
    - so we set God aside to do what pleases them—
    - we think their acceptance will be better than God’s acceptance
    - Peer acceptance is our thirty pieces of silver...
  - 2) We covet fame, but to get it, we find we have to trim our confession of faith a little
    - so for fame, we set aside the truth of God...
    - we think fame is better than fidelity to God.
    - Fame is our thirty pieces of silver.
  - 3) We covet riches, and so to get them we lie a little and we cheat a little and break the Sabbath a little and withhold our tithe a little...
    - we are saying, “I would be better off with a little bit more than with pleasing God...”
    - A little bit more than what God has appointed for us is our thirty pieces of silver.
  - 4) We covet romance or physical intimacy, and so to get it, we do a few things that we know are not so pleasing to God...
    - We are saying, “God your government is interfering with what is good for me...”
    - “I’m going to ignore you so I can get what I want—what will be best for me.”
    - Now it’s true that you are often deceived in the heat of the moment and then come to your senses afterward...
      - but in the heat of the moment,

- you truly show yourself to be a son of fallen Adam and a brother of Judas.

TRANS> That's not quite a thousand examples, but it is enough to show you that a thousand could easily be furnished.

C. But why am I telling you this?

- Why am I labouring to show you that you are like Judas?
  1. I'm doing it to drive out every vestige of self-righteousness...
    - I'm doing it so that you will be shut up to seek salvation from Jesus Christ alone.
      - Not from works of righteousness which you have done, but from His mercy alone.
      - You've got to see what you're made of so that you will see how much you need God's Son to grant you pardon and to give you a new life.
  2. I'm all so doing it to show you how foolish covetousness is...
    - Do you really think you will gain anything by going against God's commandments?
      - Do you really think that once you get your grubby little hands on that thirty pieces of silver, you will
        - "Ah, at last, I have what I want! Now I am satisfied."
        - Of course not—Judas cast his thirty pieces of silver to the ground and hanged himself!
    - I want to strengthen your faith in God...
      - That **He**, not whatever your covetous heart is going after, is the true rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
        - Don't diligently seek what cannot satisfy!
      - You will not find your life by pursuing your covetous desires, but by giving yourself up to the LORD to do His will!
        - Come now, let's be reasonable about all this!

**III. Now I want to show you three things the LORD Jesus says concerning Judas that out to deter you from serving your covetous desires!**

A. First, He shows that he knows all about your covetous desires—not one is hidden from Him.

1. At the Passover with His disciples, Jesus announces to them in the plainest speech that one of them is going to betray Him!
    - In verse 21, we read:
      - Matthew 26:21: Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."
    - a. He knows all about it!
      - The disciples are completely puzzled about this—Judas, though a thief, had hidden his wickedness from them all.
      - He had acted out the part of a faithful disciple.
        - Not one of them looks at Judas, but each one says, "Is it I?" in a grammatical form that expects a negative answer...
          - "Not I, is it?"
    - b. They seem to suppose that one of them is going to do this accidentally—
      - that they are going to slip up and say something that will betray Jesus—
        - that they will somehow inadvertently turn Him over to His enemies.
      - The thought that any one of them would do it deliberately does not even cross their minds!
        - The word "betray" simply means "to deliver over."
          - The point is,
            - the disciples have no idea that Judas is going to do this deliberately...
          - They had lived in close contact with him for three years and none of them suspected him...
            - He had fooled them all.
2. But by saying "one of you will betray me,"
    - Jesus shows that even though you may fool everyone else,
      - you will never fool Him.
    - a. He knows all about what you are up to just as He knew all about what Judas was up to!
      - If there are things you would be ashamed for your brothers and sisters in the church to know about,
        - be ashamed because Jesus already knows all about it!

- If you have any sincerity at all,
  - you may fall into sin,
  - but you not be able to wallow in it without repenting because you know that the LORD sees it all!
  
- b. But when Jesus says, “One of you will betray me,”
  - Judas is not completely sure if He knows which one of them...
    - If He knew, wouldn’t he try to stop him?
  - So he musters up his courage and asks,
    - “Rabbi, is it I?”
      - What a hypocrite to ask such a question when he knew full well what he was going to do...
      - Jesus responds with the statement:
        - “You have said it,” affirming that He knows full will that Judas is the one who will do it!
  
- c. We don’t know if the other disciples heard this or not...
  - If they did, they must have still thought it would be an accident—they were confused about it...
    - but probably this was a private conversation between Judas and Jesus.
  - This is like those checks of conscience you have when you are full of covetous desire...
    - The Lord brings those to arrest you!
    - To go on with your plans, you have to harden yourself further the way Judas did...
      - He was bent on his wicked plan...
      - He should have repented right then, but instead he goes in adamant hardness!

TRANS> How the assurance that Jesus knows all about your covetous desires ought to melt your heart and bring you to repentance!

- Nothing will change the inner life of a believer more than to come to grips with the fact that the LORD sees right through you.
  - How can you go on harbouring those covetous desires when you know that He knows all about it!
  - This is the first thing our LORD says here that ought to deter you from following after your covetous desires.

- Now let's look at the second
- B. The second thing that ought to deter you from holding on to your covetous desires is the fact that despite what you may do, God is sovereign and will accomplish all His holy will—right down to the very last detail!
1. In verse 24, He says,
    - Matthew 26:24: The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him.
    - a. Here is that regal bearing that Matthew shows us to be the bearing of Christ all the way through the crucifixion!
      - He is not flustered as if things have somehow gone out of control...
        - They haven't.
        - Judas's wicked deed is nothing other than one aspect of God's sovereign plan that God is working out.
    - b. Let this deter you from wickedness!
      - You cannot pull anything over on the LORD.
        - He will accomplish all His holy purpose whether you choose to submit to Him or not.
        - You will not change the outcome, you will not upset His plan.
          - All you will do is either bring judgement or reward down upon your own head.
    - c. If you are hardened against God like Judas, resisting the LORD's will,
      - surely this ought to humble you!
        - You are gaining no advantage against Him...
        - You are making it clear that you do not like to be restrained by His Word,
          - but you will find that His Word will still be fulfilled all the same in the end...
          - You cannot really break away from Him, all you can do is fall under his judgement.
  2. But let this also be an encouragement to you who are sincere in your devotion to Him...
    - a. In your weakness, you can become discouraged and think things are out of control...
      - You can say, "Where is God in all this?"

- “Why is all this happening?”
  - And that can make you start to doubt Him and even to grumble against Him and think He is not there for you.
    - Your doubt can lead you to start coveting!
  - You know about all the problems the disciples had when Jesus was actually arrested and then nailed to the cross!
    - It can be the same for you when you find out you lost your job
      - or that you have a serious illness
      - or that the person you have been witnessing to has turned against you.
  
- b. It will be very helpful for you to know at such times that things are happening just as God has planned...
  - The Son of Man goes just as it is written of Him!
  - Do not lose heart,
    - God is going to reveal His glory in all that is happening to you!
    - If you are His child, He is only working that which will bring good to you.
      - Don’t start craving for what God has not appointed for you!
  - When Jesus was crucified,
    - it seemed like things falling apart to the disciples at the time,
      - but afterward they understood that it was really about things being brought together...
      - the world was being reconciled—brought together—with God.
  
- c. Knowing this will surely keep you from lusting after something that God has not been pleased to give you...
  - Entrust the matter to Him!
    - He knows exactly what He is doing and He is in perfect control of every detail...
    - Trust Him to work it all out according to His wise and holy purposes.

TRANS> Now for the third thing that Jesus says here that can help deter you from covetousness...

C. Thirdly, He declared that it will not go well for you at all if you give yourself up to your covetous desires.



1. Look at verse 24...
  - Matthew 26:24: The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."
  - Here is that word we saw that Jesus put upon the Pharisees when He denounced them...
    - Woe— *ouai oo-ah'-ee*,
      - It is a word that expresses the wretched miserable condition of someone...
      - It is used by our LORD to alert people of their perilous condition so that they might consider and repent.
2. Jesus makes it clear here that the deed of Judas will not be judged based on the good outcome that it brings...
  - a. It will be judged based on the wickedness of Judas in committing it!
    - God is not concerned about the end result of your deeds about which you have no control...
    - He judges the character of the deed itself.
  - b. And so as we have seen that Judas' betrayal was one of extreme wickedness—
    - that he should betray an innocent man...
    - that he should betray an innocent man who was a trusted friend...
    - that he should betray an innocent man who was a trusted friend and whose disciple he was privileged to be
      - Jesus says it is a deed that will meet with extreme judgement.
  - c. Jesus says that as far as Judas was concerned,
    - it would have been better for him if he had never been born!
      - If there was some time when his judgement would come to an end and he would be restored to paradise,
        - that would have made for all the trouble he had to face...
      - Such is not the case for the wicked—
        - it was to everlasting judgement that Judas would be ushered.
3. But understand that the same judgement will fall upon you if you are following your covetous desires instead of the cleansing that comes from Jesus.
  - It will not go well for you if you follow after sin without repentance!

- What Jesus says to Judas, He says to you: *ouai oo-ah'-ee* to **you!**
- You are moving down the path that will lead to unimaginable sorrow and misery!
- Judas might have heard and turned away at this point...
  - But he went on!
  - Now what about you—
    - Will you go on in your covetousness the way he did?
    - Will you go on with it because nobody in the church knows about it?
    - Will you go on with it until it gets such a grip on you that all the warnings of the LORD will have no effect.
      - God forbid that it should be so!
      - Turn from your folly today and receive the cleansing mercy that Jesus Christ gives to all who come to Him!
        - If Judas had broken down and repented right then and there,
          - I'm sure our LORD would have restored Him because that is what He promises to do...
        - How foolish that Judas went on in the grip of covetousness when he might have gone on with the Lord Jesus.
          - Woe to you if you do the same.
          - It will not go well for you!
          - But blessed are you if you who hear the LORD's call and come to Him.

### **Conclusion:**

- It's okay to ask, the question "What will you give me?"
  - The only thing is, be sure you ask it of the LORD rather than of your sinful covetous desires...
  - Your sinful desires, will promise you immediate satisfaction,
    - but at last, they will only give you sorrow,
    - Your LORD, on the other hand,
      - will give you eternal joy and satisfaction.