

Ten Commandments (Part 66)
(The 10th Commandment – Part 3)

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

I. The Proper Enumeration of the 10th Commandment

-v. 17 contains one commandment, not two

II. The Prohibitions and Requirements of the 10th Commandment

-Prohibitions: The 10th Commandment forbids lust, greed, envy, resentment, and discontentment.

-Requirements: The 10th Commandment requires contentment and gratitude.

III. The Spiritual Nature of the 10th Commandment

-The 10th Commandment is concerned with inward disposition, not outward actions.

IV. A Biblical Explanation of the 10th Commandment

-Basic Meaning (forbids setting the heart on people or things)

-Universal Scope (anything belonging to anyone else)

-Positive Implication (requires contentment: such satisfaction with God that we accept whatever He has or has not provided)

V. The Specific Application of the 10th Commandment

-Advertising (Luke 12:15; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 7:22, 23; Gal. 5:1)

-Gambling/Games of Chance: stewardship (Luke 16:11, 12; 1 Pet. 4:10); benevolence (Prov. 21:13); addiction (idolatry) (1 Cor. 6:12)