

Covetousness's Effect on Relationships

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Lesson 1: Jacob reveals that _____ covetousness doesn't go away with time (Gen 25:22-31; Psa 51:5).

Lesson 2: We're like Esau if we covet the _____ more than the _____ (Gen 25:32-34; Heb 12:16-17; Rom 9:11-12; Phil 3:19).

Lesson 3: Covetousness produces _____ (Gen 27:41-42).

Lesson 4: Covetousness _____ (Gen 27:43-45; Jam 4:1-2).

Family Worship Guide

Memory Verse: James 4:1

Day 1: Read Gen 25:22-34, Ps 51:5, and discuss: Did Jacob's pursuit of Esau's birthright satisfy his covetousness? Why or why not? How does Jacob demonstrate that covetousness is not something that goes away with time? What is the Biblical solution to covetousness? How did Esau's haste to act on his hunger cause him to value spiritual things?

Day 2: Read Heb 12:16, Eph 1:3-4, Heb 11:25, Heb 12:17, and discuss: What sin does Hebrews compare covetousness to? Why is the comparison made? What gifts are promised to us through Jesus Christ? What is the risk of seizing temporary pleasure? Are the effects of temporary sin as fleeting as the sin itself?

Day 3: Phil 3:19, Gen 27:41-42, Heb 12:15 and discuss: How does Paul describe appetites as being a "god"? What is/are the difference(s) between the true God and the appetite we serve? What does covetousness lead to? How does this affect our relationships? How does covetousness impact how we value relationships? How does this contrast with how God values relationships?

Suggestions for Prayer

1. **Your elders and deacons:** those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1).
2. **Church members in need** (1 Tim 2:1; Eph 6:18; Col 1:9).
3. **"Kings" and those in authority:** President Trump and Vice President Pence (1 Tim 2:2).
4. **The spread of the Gospel:** Missionaries and unreached people groups (Matt 9:37-38).