

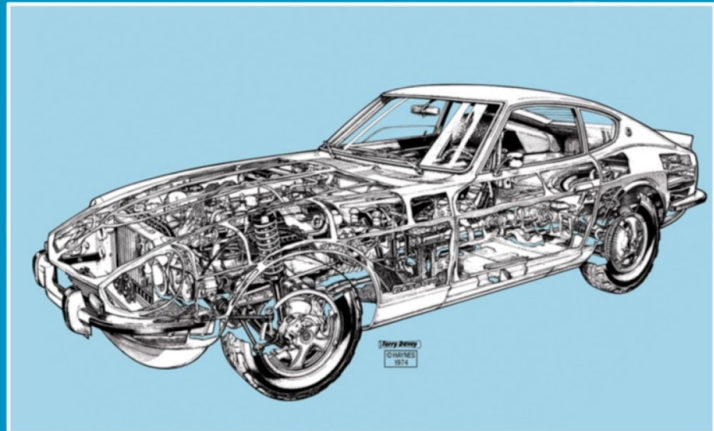
THE WAY IT WORKS

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Ultimate Life Guide/Manual

20:02 thru 20:17 Commandments
1 - 10, no other, no idols, not in vain, 6-day & 1, honor, not kill,
loyal, not steal, not lie, not covet



The Way It Works — Do Not Covet

Sermon Discussion Questions – November 5, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Exodus 19:9 (NLT) ⁹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you.”

Exodus 19:16–19 (NIV84) ¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, ¹⁹ and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Exodus 20:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

Mark 7:21–23 (NLT) ²¹ For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

1 Timothy 6:6–7 (NIV84) ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

1 John 2:15–17 (NLT) ¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading

away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Luke 12:15 (NLT) ¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

Luke 12:19-20 (NLT) ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ ²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

Psalms 73:17 (NIV84) ¹⁷ till I entered the sanctuary of God;

Psalms 73:25 (NIV84) ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Warm Up:

Many people take November to list the things they are thankful. What is something that you are thankful for today?

Discussion:

1. As we learned about the last commandment this week, which commandment surprised you the most? Which commandment did you feel Jesus revealed the most to you?
2. Read Exodus 19:16-19. What do we learn about God from these verses? What do we learn about God’s presence in these verses?
3. Excerpt from Pastor Tom’s message:
This is good news for us because when we encounter a God like the one who descended on Mt. Sinai, to deliver these Ten Commandments, our lives can no longer be the same. What we have needed is now available. A powerful entity that descends in a cloud of fire changes everything. Why do you think a God like this changes everything? How has your life changed since your encounter with Him?
4. Read Exodus 20:17. Why do you believe God ended the 10 commandments with a commandment about desire? How does this commandment tie into the other commandment?
5. Pastor Tom made this statement: *In the presence of desire (covet) there is an absence of contentment.* What does this statement mean to you? Why do you think this statement is true?
6. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What can we learn about people from this passage? What can we learn about our hearts in this passage? What can we learn about God in this passage?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom gave us this takeaway for the week:

A covetous heart can only be replaced by a deeper, more meaningful affection.

Tying this commandment to the others, what kind of heart do you believe you have that Jesus is calling to a deeper, more meaningful affection? What do you need to do to make that happen?