



GOD'S TOP TEN

You Shall Not Covet - Exodus 20:17

MAIN THING

Coveting Destroys Contentment

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:17, Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:11-13

ICEBREAKER

Wanting what other people want. It's more normal than it should be these days. Keeping up with the Joneses has become the status quo for so many that they'll spend money on things that make no sense just to be part of a trend. In the 70's, it was pet rocks. In the 80's, Cabbage Patch Kids. In the 90's, it was beanie babies. More recently, it's fidget spinners. Name one thing that you've bought, because of a trend.

OPENING THOUGHT

We've all seen it over the years; trends that, at the time, made you feel out of touch if you weren't a part of them. Bell bottoms in the late 60's/early 70's. Jams in the 80's. The grunge look in the 90's. It just goes on and on. Today, we'll be discussing what it means to want what others have. Many of us have had that feeling of discontent when others have something we want. What does the Bible say about that? How should a Christian deal with those feelings?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. Have you ever made a terrible purchase because you saw what everyone else had and "just had to have it?" Share what it was and what happened.
3. This weekend it was stated that the "Great Lie" is that, "somewhere, somehow, there is something better than God." When are hearts not content in God, we will look to find contentment in other things. What things are people these days trying to find contentment or fulfillment in apart from God?
4. Look up Matthew 6:25-34. What does the Bible say unbelievers run after? What does the Bible say we should run after?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. You heard the Craig Groeschel quote, "The way we live says that what Christ offers is not as good as what the world offers." What can you change this week to say that what Christ offers is better than what the world offers?

CHALLENGE

Look up Philippians 4:11-13. Can you say what Paul is saying here? Have you learned the secret of being content in whatever circumstance? What do you have that you can do without? What do you have that you got to keep up with the Joneses? Start looking at the things you have and begin the process of "de-jonesing". Purge the things you don't need, and don't feel the need to own something just to be like others. If you don't need it. Don't buy it.