

# **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR**

Exodus 20:17    Pew Bible p. 74

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## **The 10th Commandment**

What does it mean to covet?

What are we not to covet?

## **The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment throughout Scripture**

- Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_—Exod. 20:17, Deut. 5:21
- OT examples—Achan covets spoils of war Josh. 7; Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard 1 Kings 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ Literature and Prophets—Prov. 21:1-5, Micah 2:1-2
- \_\_\_\_\_—Matt. 5:27-28, Luke 12:15
- New Testament \_\_\_\_\_—Rom. 7:7-8, 13:9, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Eph. 5:5, Col. 3:5, James 4:1-3

## **Getting at the Root of Wrongdoing**

How is the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment unique?

Jesus points out the \_\_\_\_\_ dimension of God's Law.  
Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28

By dealing with the inward motivation, Christ and the Law strike at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem of sinful and harmful behavior.

## The Problem with Feelings

What guides people's behavior in the absence of an external moral standard?

People have made gods of their \_\_\_\_\_. Phil. 3:19, Eph. 5:5

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment vs. Our Desires

The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment plainly states that there are times when it is wrong to give in to your \_\_\_\_\_. Col. 3:5, Matt. 5:29-30

You don't have to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to your feelings.

## How Do We Gain Control of Desires?

1. Believe that \_\_\_\_\_ of desire is possible.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your desires to the Lord.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself for godliness. Rom. 12:2
4. Seek the assistance of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Gal. 5:22-23

## Conclusion and Challenge

Truth to Take with You: *With God's help, you can curb desires that are wrong and hurtful, and cultivate desires that are good and right in your heart.*

Challenge: *With God's help, control your desires; don't let them control you.*