

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1453: What's Wrong With Wanting What Others Have?

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See:



1. How do Genesis 2:9 and Genesis 3:6 contrast godly desire with sinful coveting?
2. In what way is the Tenth Commandment similar to the First Commandment? (Exodus 20:3,17)
3. Who is our “neighbor”? Explain how Jesus’ words leave no room for coveting. (Luke 10:36-37)
4. What warnings can we draw from Satan’s ambition? Why does this reveal the essence of coveting? How can we fall into satanic thinking? How can we avoid it? (Isaiah 14:13-14, 1 Peter 5:6)
5. Give some practical examples of coveting that can arise in the workplace. What should our attitude be when we are working? (Ephesians 6:5-8)
6. How does Jesus expand the command against coveting a neighbor’s spouse beyond physical attraction to include desires related to personality, abilities and other qualities? How can we combat this in our own marriages and relationships? (Matthew 5:28, James 1:14-15)
7. How does Paul’s illustration of the body of Christ help believers avoid coveting another person’s status, role or opportunities within the church? (1 Corinthians 12:14-16)
8. What is the connection between contentment and freedom from coveting? If we fall into coveting someone else’s success, what does this say to God? (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 2 Corinthians 10:5)
9. What leads to issues and conflict in our Christian fellowship? What might the deeper heart issue be behind quarrels and division? (James 4:1-3, Matthew 7:7)
10. When I admire a quality, position or accomplishment in another person, do I respond with gratitude and a desire to learn from them; or with jealousy and a desire to possess what is theirs? (1 Corinthians 12:14-16, James 4:1-3) How can I change this attitude?
11. How can we ensure our strongest desires are directed toward serving God and His people as Jesus did, instead of toward advancing our own will and ambitions? (Luke 22:14-15, 1 Timothy 6:11-12)