

COMMANDMENT 10

Introduction: Ever looked at someone's life and thought, "It must be nice being them."? The final commandment exposes a quiet habit that kills joy and fractures relationships: coveting. Let's learn how gratitude can rewire our thinking, restore contentment, and free us to celebrate others as we recognize the blessings in our own lives.

ICE BREAKERS

- ☐ Share one thing in your life this week that sparked gratitude.
- ☐ If your "garden" is everything God's entrusted to you right now (time, relationships, resources, opportunities), what's one patch that's thriving—and one patch that needs attention?

EXPLORE

The final word targets the one sin no one can see: coveting. God ends the Ten Commandment, not with a public act, but with a hidden posture. Comparison quietly erodes trust in God's provision and love. Let's trace how Scripture moves us from staring over the wall at someone else's life to stewarding our own garden with gratitude and generosity.

- ☐ Read Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; 6:10–12; 8:17–18; 19:14; Leviticus 25:23; Proverbs 14:30; 3:27; Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:19–21, 33; Acts 4:34–35; 2 Corinthians 8:1–4; 1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19; Hebrews 13:5; and James 4:1–3.
 - In everyday terms, what does it look like to "move boundary stones" today?
 - What dangers or disciplines are being pointed out in these passages when it comes to wealth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ☐ Describe a recent moment you were "looking over the wall" at someone else's life. If you turned back to your "garden," what would you notice that needs tending (gratitude, relationships, habits)?
- ☐ Where do you most notice comparison showing up: stuff, status, relationships, stage of life? What does it do to your joy?
- ☐ What warning signs do you notice that might help you realize that coveting is at work?
- ☐ How could some of the principles we discussed in previous weeks (rest, generosity, etc.) help in our struggle against coveting as well?
- ☐ What would a community of people look like if they lived this out well? How can your group support one another to live in this way?

PRAYER & PRACTICE

Challenge: Identify one person you've quietly compared yourself to. Pray for them each day this week, and send them a genuine note of encouragement naming what you admire.

Close in prayer: Thank God for rescuing us and giving us more than we notice. Forgive us and heal our envy, anchoring our hearts in gratitude. Show us a neighbor we can bless this week and give us courage. Amen.

