



STAND YOUR GROUND, Part IV

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“Cut to the Heart!”

Commandment #10: *You shall not covet*

your neighbor's house: his lifestyle

you shall not covet your neighbor's wife: her beauty or gifts

or his male servant, or his female servant: his advantages

or his ox: his tools and equipment

or his donkey: his transportation

or anything that is your neighbor's.

Exodus 20:17

Covet: to desire strongly/ want more/ greedily aspire to.

- I envy because it's yours
- I'm jealous because it's mine
- I covet because it's there

Commandments #1 & #10 cut to the heart, not behavior.

- Romans 7:7-13

1) Coveting signals discontent with God's purposes. (Luke 12:28-31)

- Lifestyle symptoms: lust, futility, discontent
- Jeremiah 2:13
- Hagai 1:6

2) Coveting signals a distrust of God's love.

- Luke 12: 15-21
- Lifestyle symptom: worry (Luke 12:22-29)

3) Coveting signals a disappointment with God's timing.

- Matthew 6:33
- Lifestyle symptom: Anger

Discussion questions:

- 1) On the list of things not to covet, my weak spot is
- 2) Name some ways that covetousness is encouraged in our society. What are the fruits of this in our national and personal lives?
- 3) What kind of defense, and what kind of offence can I wage against covetousness?