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| **SERIES** | 10 Commandments |
| **BIBLE** | Exodus 20: 7 You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Satisfying Obedience |
| **OVERVIEW** | Every form of advertising media is intentionally designed to make us want what we don’t currently have so we can do what we are not currently doing. Advertising, at its core, creates dissatisfaction and provokes coveting. As followers of Jesus, we have been given all we will ever need and are empowered to do all we’ve been commanded to do. In Christ, we are equipped for satisfying obedience, running our own race with our eyes fixed on Jesus (Hebrews 12: 2). |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | Coveting – literally to desire, take pleasure in, delight in. Selfishly desiring stuff, status, or relationships that God has ordained for others. The root of coveting is an unsatisfied and ungrateful heart, refusing to recognize God’s goodness, provision and wisdom. Coveting can be at the root every other command – so it is fitting that this is the concluding word that brings all the other commands together.  Do not covet:  Neighbor’s house… anything that belongs to neighbor – possessions, stuff, reputation  Neighbor’s wife – relationships (no adultery)  Neighbor’s servants – status, power, influence  Neighbor’s ox or donkey – work, work tools, productivity  Could summarize as – Do not covet your neighbor’s “lot in life”  [*Ecclesiastes 5:19*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes%205%3A19&version=NIV) *Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their****lot****and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.*  \*This command does not prohibit ambition for godly progress, success and advancement. Those are good desires, and God invites us to seek Him and give Him glory for our advancement. (Deuteronomy 8)  Coveting is desiring the advancement God has given to others. \*\*Gollum from Lord of the Rings was transformed into a wicked monster and ultimately destroyed by covetousness. To get the ring of power he murdered a friend, and when he lost the ring he obsessed over having it again. His entire life was poisoned and controlled by having “my precious”.  Coveting is an offense against the character of God.   * God is Good – He always does what is right. And He is especially good toward His children, those who have entered into a deeper sphere of God’s grace through faith. Coveting reveals we do not believe God is good to me. * God is Provider – God provided everything in the garden. After sin – covering for Adam and Eve, ark for Noah, food during family and ram during sacrifice for Abraham (Gen 22), wife for Isaac, prosperity for Jacob, rescue through sea -water from rock -manna from heaven - quail from sky for Israel in the wilderness * God is Wise – He sovereignly assigns our “lot in life” (vocation, economic status, family, connections, etc…) for His ultimate glory. God has reasons for assigning each person their specific set of grace and faith in which to obey Him.   Jesus showed us that obedience to the Father, being engaged in the work of spiritual harvest, was like food that satisfied and sustained Him. (John 4:27-38)  In Christ, God continues to be a good and wise provider. We are called to keep our minds and hearts fixed on Jesus to overcome the idolatry of greed-covetousness. Jesus is to be our all! (Colossians 3:1-11) |
| **GOSPEL** | **How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?**  Since the garden of Eden, humans have doubted God’s goodness, despised His provision, and rebelled against His wisdom. The sinful flesh inherited from “grandpa Adam” is covetous, greedy, self-centered at its core.  But there is One who found full satisfaction in His place. Jesus, though He was God, did not grasp His possessions, position, or relational connection in glory and use them all for self. No, Jesus was fully satisfied in His obedience to the Father and used all of His being to love and serve sinners, we His enemies, we who were responsible for His death. Jesus, fully satisfied in God, died for those who despised God. Then He rose again in power and calls us all who find our satisfaction in obedience to Him. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Grow into satisfying obedience by trusting in the Goodness, Provision and Widsom of God as it relates to your possession, your position, and your relationships. Be fully satisfied in obedience to Jesus. |