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Understanding & Obeying the Ten Commandments

You Shall Not Covet
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Exodus 20:17 (ESV)

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

WHAT IS COVETING?

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Colossians 3:5 (ESV)

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

THE CALL TO CONTENTMENT

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***We need to understand that
contentment is learned**

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

***We must know the One
who satisfies our deepest longings**

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Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

John 6:32-36 (ESV)

³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

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John 6:32-36 (ESV)

³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:32-36 (ESV)

³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

John 6:32-36 (ESV)

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

***Start Valuing What God Values**

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Philippians 3:4-8 (ESV)

⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Philippians 3:4-8 (ESV)

⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:4-8 (ESV)

⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:4-8 (ESV)

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:4-8 (ESV)

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

***Trust in God's sovereign plan
and provision for your life**

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Romans 8:28 (ESV)

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Matthew 6:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:25-26 (ESV)

²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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"To realize the promised presence of one's loving Lord, who both orders one's circumstances and gives strength to cope with them, is the final secret of contentment."

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