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**THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: PART 3**  
**WATCH OUT! IT'S THE ROOT OF ALL THE OTHERS**  
**EXODUS 20.17, LUKE 12.13-34**

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT:**

*"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."* Exodus 20.17

**It's not just an add-on....it's the root of all the others.**

**From Desire to Coveting:**

*"Covetousness is simply craving more of what you have enough of already."* — Haddon Robinson

**The Negative Effects:**

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.* James 4.1-3

**Jesus shows us how to battle the coveting spirit.**

**Luke 12.13-34**

**REFLECT** on God's goodness to you.

*"Consider the raven ... And how much more valuable you are than birds! ... Consider how the wild flowers grow ... how much more will he clothe you..."* v24-28

**REMINDE** yourself that we live in a covetous society.

*"For the pagan world runs after all such things..."* v30

**RUN AFTER** God. *"But seek his kingdom..."* v31

*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.* Psalm 37.4

Be **RICH** in blessing others.

*"Sell your possessions and give to the poor..."* v33

**REIGN WITH JESUS** in God's Kingdom with confidence.

*"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."* v32

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**