

NO COVETING

FROM CRAVING TO CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

Sermon Questions

1. Coveting is to desire for _____ what rightfully belongs to _____.
2. List three symptoms that could indicate a coveting heart:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
3. The danger of coveting is that it could cause you to lose rewards in heaven. (True/False)
4. The remedy to coveting is _____. And the only way to get there is the _____ of Jesus Christ.
5. List the six points on contentment mentioned in the sermon to guard against covetousness:
 - i. Contentment *does not* depend on having _____.
 - ii. Contentment *does* depend on having _____.
 - iii. Contentment is being _____ with what you have.
 - iv. Contentment is _____ God for what you lack.
 - v. Contentment views possessions as a _____.
 - vi. Contentment looks beyond this world to _____.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon explained that coveting is a heart desire for what rightfully belongs to someone else, often linked to envy and idolatry. Where do you most often notice covetous thoughts or desires in your own life (e.g., possessions, relationships, status, opportunities, or even spiritual gifts others seem to have)? What specific triggers or comparisons tend to stir these feelings?
2. Scripture warns that coveting is idolatry (Colossians 3:5), chokes out the word (Matthew 13:22), and can lead to ruin and exclusion from the kingdom (Ephesians 5:5; 1 Timothy 6:9–10). Why do you think this “subtle” sin is described in such serious, even damning terms? How does seeing coveting as potentially deadly change the way you view seemingly “harmless” desires or comparisons?
3. The sermon emphasized that the only road from coveting to contentment is through the cross—confessing our sin, receiving forgiveness in Christ, and finding our satisfaction in him. In what ways have you personally experienced Christ’s forgiveness for covetous desires? How does meditating on what you already have in Christ (his presence, love, promises, and future inheritance) help weaken the pull of wanting what others have?
4. Which of the sermon’s six points about contentment feels most challenging for you right now? What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in that area—perhaps a Scripture to memorize, a prayer to pray regularly, or a habit to change?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Can you think of a time when you really wanted a toy, game, clothes, or something that your friend or sibling had—and it made you feel grumpy or unhappy because you didn't have it? (This helps them identify coveting in everyday terms, like the sermon’s examples of wanting a neighbor’s house, car, or things.)
2. The sermon talked about being content like a “quiet, happy feeling inside” no matter what. What are some things you already have that make you thankful (like your family, friends, home, or Jesus)? What’s one way you could thank God this week instead of wishing for something someone else has—like saying a prayer or drawing a picture of your blessings?