

“Ninth & Tenth Commandments: Coveting - Keep the Desires of the Heart Pure”

You can get arrested for what you do or what you say. No one will ever arrest you for coveting, what you think or feel. Coveting is not an obvious outward sin because it is a desire in the heart for something God doesn't want us to have. Greed and envy tie into what coveting is. Evil thoughts are sins just like evil words and evil actions are. Today we will see how spiritually dangerous coveting is and why we need to be on guard against it. You will be using your catechism on pages 103-108 (questions 91-96). You will also need your Bible for this lesson.

Watch the class video for Lesson 11 and answer the following questions. You can pause the video to answer the questions as the lesson progresses.

Introduction

1. Almost every ad for products either online, in print, or in TV commercials, can lead us into the dangerous area of coveting. How is this true? How can ads lead us into coveting? Think about what that company's goal is and why they spend so much money on their ads.



Why is Coveting So Spiritually Dangerous?

2. The Ninth and Tenth Commandments take us directly into what happens in hearts. What happens in the heart can be so spiritually dangerous, and we have two commandments that deal with this topic. Read p. 103 from top of the page through Question 91 with its passages (which go onto p. 104). What does God forbid in these two commandments? Use the passages to make a list of what's forbidden. (Don't just say "coveting.")



Covet:

3. Breaking the Ninth and Tenth Commandments can take on many different forms. God's Word holds up the mirror of God's law to show us how we've broken this commandment. Read Question 92, its passages, and its answer about all the ways we break the Ninth and Tenth Commandments. Then answer the following questions.



Question	Your answers
<p>When talking about coveting why does James say in James 4:1,2 that there is a battle within us?</p>	
<p>Look at 1 Timothy 6:9,10 again. What is a proper way of viewing money so that it lines up with the 9th and 10th Commandments?</p>	
<p>After reading Mark 7:21,22, what would you say makes coveting so spiritually dangerous?</p>	
<p>We live in a country where we are so blessed with material/physical things. What do we have to be on guard against?</p>	

4. To see examples of coveting, watch the following videos that are scenes from movies. Tell how each gives an example of coveting.



Video 1:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=43&v=R8y6DJAeolo

Video 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=Qk4GDuzZAM8



5. Coveting can lead to many other sins. Read Question 93 and its passages. Using the specified passages, into what kind of sins in each passage can coveting lead? Put it in your own words, perhaps giving specific modern examples.

Passage	In your own words, into what kind of sins can coveting lead?
James 1:14,15	
Genesis 3:6	
1 Timothy 6:10	
Deuteronomy 27:17	

6. We need Jesus' forgiveness for sins we commit against the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, sins we commit with our thoughts. Read Question 94 and its passages. Give an example of Jesus keeping the Ninth or Tenth commandments. (He kept those commandments for us because we could not.)



7. Read the following poem by John Wilbye. It is called "There Is a Jewel." What is being described here, but is not named in the poem? In other words, what word would you put in the blank at the end of the poem? Put your answer on the blank below this paragraph. Hint: It's something that helps us fight against coveting and is a valuable gift. Philippians 4:12 will help, too. When you figure out the word, decide together on a phrase you think describes this word really well and tell why. Record your answers on the line below.



**There is a jewel, which no Indian mines
Can buy, no chymic art can counterfeit, [chymic is short for an alchemist,
It makes men rich in greatest poverty, who tries to change things into gold]
Makes water wine; turns wooden cups to gold;
The homely whistle, to sweet music's strain.
Seldom it comes, to few from Heaven sent,
That much in little, all in naught. - _____**

8. Contentment is a gift from God. It will affect our thoughts, words, and actions. Read Question 95 and its passages. Name three effects contentment will have on us.

Effects contentment will have on us	
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2.	
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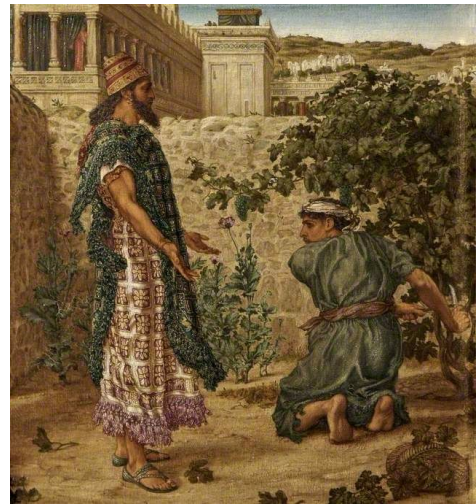
9. God guides us how to keep the Ninth and Tenth Commandments and ways to do so in order that we can show love to him. Read Question 96 and its passages. For each of the passages below, give an example from today of what it would look like to keep this commandment. Student's do the white boxes, and parents give answers for the orange boxes. You can also include an additional example to a box not assigned to you.



Passage	Example from today of keeping the Ninth & Tenth Commandments
Luke 12:15	
1 Timothy 6:8	
Genesis 13:1-12	
Hebrews 13:5	
Colossians 3:5	

Connections

10. Read the CONNECTIONS section on pages 107 to 108 to further understand the Ninth and Tenth Commandments. Use your Bible and read 1 Kings 21:1-16 and the paragraph about this reading on p. 107. From the reading, make a list of sins that were committed as a consequence of Ahab's coveting.



11. Imagine that you were Ahab. What could you have done to stop the sins that led to Naboth's death?

12. Imagine that you were Jezebel. What could you have done to stop the sins that led to Naboth's death?

13. What different things can you do to fight against the sins of your own heart? Name three things.

Use the words of the hymn on page 108 as a closing prayer for your lesson today. Speak the words together outloud.

Question?

What question do or your parents have from today's lesson that you'd like to ask your pastor? (There may or may not be a question. If not, then leave it blank.)

Assignment

1. Watch the video for Lesson 11.
2. Complete this worksheet with your parents by typing in the answers. Make sure you submit the worksheet so I can respond to it.
3. Memorize the Ninth & Tenth Commandments and Luther's Explanation for each (found on the top of p. 103).
4. Review also the other eight commandments, the passages, terms, and chapters of the Bible we've had so far. Have someone quiz you on them. We will keep building our list of commandments and passages we learn.