

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Exodus 20:17*

Title: *Check Your Desires*

Central Truth: Through this commandment God places a restraint upon man's natural, excessive, and fleshly desire for things.

I. v. 17a: The Command

Covet (Hebrew - *hamad*) This word means to desire earnestly, to long for, to yearn for, to crave. Specifically, this command addresses a selfish and uncontrolled desire for something.

Covetousness - *A two-fold definition:*

1. **An excessive desire for things we do not have.**
2. **An envious desire for that which belongs to another.**

II. v. 17b: The Contents

God mentions seven things that we are not to covet. The seventh and final thing covers anything and everything - it is exhaustive!

God wants to protect us from the sin of covetousness because of three main reasons:

1. Deceitful: _____
2. Destructive (Colossians 3:5; 1st Timothy 6:6-10): _____
3. Damning (Ephesians 5:5): _____

III. v. 16: The Cultivation (Practical Application)

Positively, this 10th Commandment means that we need to learn how to be content and satisfied!

Three Ways to Cultivate Contentment:

1. **Salvation:** _____
2. **Gratitude:** _____
3. **Giving:** _____