EXODUS 20:17 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

COVETOUSNESS: WHICH IS IDOLATRY - (SERMON MP3)

Contentment Check Up. The respectable sin of Covetousness hides well as the outward manifestations are not so obvious.				
	If someone gave you \$20,000 what would you buy?		MSN MINISTR	
•	What "if onlys" most often float through your mind? (Ex. If only I was	. If only I had If only they)		
•	When do you notice your own struggle with contentment?			
	is fantasizing for a life other than the one we've been given. When y between wanting a better life (better job, better house, better health, et		MSN	
	e contentment prescribed in the 10th commandment a safeguard a less lead to? Think about the following accounts of how covetousness l		MSN	
•	King David and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11-2)			
•	King Ahab and Naboth (1 Kings 21)			
•	Elisha and Gehazi (2 Kings 5:19-27)			
Vhy is the 10th commandment so effective in revealing sin in the heart of the self-righteous?				
Read Phi	ippians 4:11-13. What is the connection between "contentment" and the	ne way our culture confuses wants and needs?		
ive som	e examples of when "wants" become "needs" and "needs" become "w	/ants."		
łow doe	s modern media stimulate covetousness? Give some examples and s	share how the temptation is communicated.		
	Social Media	Commercials		
	Movie/Show	Print/Billboards		

When asked about the 10th commandment Christopher Hitchens, a famous atheist, said, "That is a particularly horrible crime of dictatorship, namely the crime of thought. It says you can't even think about this. To say you're not allowed to steal your neighbor's possessions—including his wife—that's one thing. But to say you're not allowed to envy your neighbor is absurd. It's impossible. And the spirit of envy can lead to ambition and innovation and initiative. I would say that's an immoral commandment."

Do you agree or disagree? Explain your thoughts. Can you give any biblical support for your answer?

	DIGGING DEEPER (FOR EXTRA PERSONAL STUDY)	
Read 1	Timothy 6:6–19.	
What ar	e 3 reminders/exhortations regarding contentment found in vs. 6-8? Talk about each of these.	
What ar	e 3 warnings regarding covetousness that are found in vs. 9-10? Give some personal examples of how you have s	seen these to be true.
		PRAYER REQUESTS
What ar	e 3 reminders/exhortations regarding the "rich of this present age" that we can all apply to our own lives? Thought	
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that if Go	Horton said , "It is not poverty or wealth that leads us to contentment and trust in the Lord, but the confidence of provided so richly for our salvation by choosing, redeeming, calling, adopting, and justifying us, and by sending to cause us to grow up into Christ's likeness, then surely we can count on him for the less essential matters of	
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