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## **Prosperity's Ten Commandments**

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Tenth Commandment

"Thou shalt not limit thyself by coveting that which is another's;  
thou shall claim thine own."

The tenth of the original commandments says, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's." The first four commandments have to do with right action with God while the last six have to do with right action with our fellow man. Right action with each other demands that we not kill, steal or lie. These are right actions in the outward physical realm, but not coveting has to do with the inner realm of mind—the right action of our thoughts.

Coveting is the main cause of killing, stealing or lying because of the law of mind action. The main cause for coveting is man's failure to look to God as the source of his supply. For some reason we do not know or we forget that the supply of anything is limitless and that through faith in God as our source the form we desire can be reproduced endlessly. When we desire that which belongs to another we have cut off our own unlimited flow. We are consciously or unconsciously creating a false belief that God is unable to give us our heart's desire. Every covetous thought is fundamentally a belief that there is not enough.

Georgiana tells us "Covetousness is another sure way to short-circuiting the spiritual energy on its way to manifestation. Again faith, the necessary condition of mind permitting God's energy to move, is disrupted by the transferring of attention from God's limitless supply to some man's material possessions."

There is nothing wrong with having desires. Desire is always the first indication of some good that God has in store for you. So the true message in this commandment is that we are to cease limiting ourselves by desiring what someone else has and to clearly claim our own from the divine source of supply. After all, God gave you the desire in the first place.

### **The Bible says:**

"You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask." Jas 4:2

"The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet;' and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, Love your neighbor as yourself." Ro 13:9

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Lu 12:32

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God." Ec 5:19

"And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'" Lu 12:15

#### Unity says:

"Man is a creative creature, but envy and covetousness lead to a loss of originality, uniqueness, and creativity." Eric Butterworth, *Metamorality*

"Coveting leads to aggression, theft, murder, but that is not the worst of it. The worst effect it has is on the soul of man. Even if your coveting never leads you to take anything that does not belong to you, it undermines you and ultimately rots your soul. It shuts you off from God. Why? Because to covet something means that you do not understand the Law of Being.... You do not understand that whatever you are getting or lacking is an outpicturing and expression of your consciousness." Emit Fox, *The Ten Commandments*

#### For practice:

- Desire is always the first indication of some good that God has for us. Now is the time to list your desires. Be specific, don't say you want a car like Joe has, but describe in detail what you want so it is your desire, not a copy of Joe's. Being clear, center yourself in God's abundance and know that this is a true desire and not just a whim of the moment.
- Take one desire into meditation. Acknowledge that God is your source. Affirm that you are a child of God and are receptive to this desire in the most magnificent way possible. Repeat the process with one desire a week until your list is complete. Note in your journal the outcomes, feelings and experiences as you complete your list.
- This process can take some time and you may need support. This is a time when your triad of prayer partners can help. Discuss your desires with them.