



Introduction: _____

EXODUS 20:17

¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

QUOTE: "To whom little is not enough, nothing is enough."—Anonymous

JAMES 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



1. A Perplexing _____

A. A _____ Desire

QUOTE: “I’ve seen thousands of people converted, but I’ve never seen a covetous person converted.”—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

QUOTE: “I have listened to multiplied thousands of confessions. I have yet to have one person ever confess the sin of covetousness.”—Francis Xavier, Catholic theologian

1 THESSALONIANS 2:5

⁵ For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

ROMANS 7:7

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

B. A _____ Desire

MARK 7:21

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,



MARK 7:22-23

²² Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ²³ all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

JOHN 8:44

⁴⁴ Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

C. A _____ Desire

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. ⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.



LUKE 16:13

¹³ No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

MATTHEW 6:33

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

COLOSSIANS 3:5

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

EPHESIANS 5:5

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

2. A Proper _____

HEBREWS 13:5

⁵ Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.



A. What you _____

PSALM 73:25-26

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

PROVERBS 18:22

²² Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

PSALM 127:3

³ Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

PROVERBS 17:17

¹⁷ A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

PROVERBS 3:13-14

¹³ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. ¹⁴ For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.



PHILIPPIANS 4:12

¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

B. What you _____

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

3. The Practice of _____

A. _____ your heart to Christ

ACTS 17:27-28

²⁷ That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: ²⁸ for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

B. Cultivate _____



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

C. Learn to _____

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12

¹² For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

D. _____ who you are

1 PETER 2:9

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

E. Learn to _____

ACTS 20:35

³⁵ I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.



Conclusion: _____

Practical Tips:

- Encourage your children to thank Jesus when a sibling or a friend gets something new or something good happens to someone else.
- Avoid complaining about your possessions.
- Teach your children to write thank-you notes.
- Require your children to give to God whenever they receive money.
- Gradually turn responsibility for your kids' giving over to them; become their encourager rather than their financial manager.
- Teach your children to make good choices about possessions; show them that they can't have everything they want.