

Coveting & The New Covenant

Exodus 20:17 & Deut 5:21 - “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, *or anything else* that belongs to your neighbor.”

Coveting is:

- *Wanting* what God gave someone else.
- *Comparing* what we have to what others have.
- *Prideful* because:
 - It causes us to have a distaste for what God gave us.
 - It’s inherently saying that God messed up... God gave someone else what I should have.
 - The new covenant isn’t good enough. God didn’t give me all I need on the cross.

James 4:1-3 - What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you? **2***You want what you don’t have*, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are **jealous** of what others have, but you can’t get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. **3**And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your ***motives are all wrong***—you want only what will give you pleasure.

Coveting can be found in:

- Physical things
- Skills
- Callings
- Spiritual gifts
- Physical appearances
- Relationships
- Fantasies (the grass is greener over there)

The only way to get rid of Coveting is to remember the new covenant.

Luke 22:20 - After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

- Coveting usually leads to thoughts, words, and deeds that make **agreements** that jealousy is acceptable.
- Those agreements whether spoken or unspoken become **contracts** in the spirit realm that gives the enemy access.
- The New Covenant:
 - is the ultimate agreement that gives us eternal life, healing, & deliverance.
 - Says you are enough, you have what you need, you have access to anything else you need, you have no lack, & God designed you intentionally the way you are with the gifts you have.