

## LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

*“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” Exodus 20:17*

“COVET”: to \_\_\_\_\_ something/someone that belongs to another person

## WHAT’S SO WRONG ABOUT COVETING?

### COVETING WILL AFFECT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARD YOUR NEIGHBOR

Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37), Saul and David (1 Samuel 18),  
Pharisees and Jesus (Matthew 27:18), David and Uriah (2 Samuel 11)

### COVETING WILL GET YOU INTO UNNECESSARY \_\_\_\_\_

*“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”  
Proverbs 22:7*

### COVETING WILL GET YOU INTO \_\_\_\_\_

*“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.”  
James 4:1–2a*

### SUMMARY: COVETING ROBS YOU OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CURE TO COVETING: \_\_\_\_\_

*“I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:12–13*

## HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

1 Timothy 6:17–19

*“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

*“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

*“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”*

### SECRET #1. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YOU HAVE

*“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.” 1 Timothy 6:6–8*

### SECRET #2. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YOU HAVE TO HELP OTHERS

### SECRET #3. \_\_\_\_\_ ON WHAT LIFE IS REALLY ABOUT

*“Then [Jesus] said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”  
Luke 12:15*

*“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”  
Hebrews 13:5*