

Intro

10 commandments – God talking to us
They are signposts to help us live God's way

Recap

Commandments 1 – 9

10th Commandment:

“You must not want to take your neighbour's house. You must not want his wife. And you must not want his men and women servants, or his cattle, or his donkeys. You must not want to take anything that belongs to another person.”

What Does This Mean?

You must not want what you have not got.
You must not want what belongs to someone else.
You must not .. long to have, drool over, dream of, wish for, plan for etc...

e.g. if you choose a sweet at home or in a restaurant, whatever you order, when it arrives you wish you had got what someone else has!!!

We want what we do not have → bigger – better – faster
Clothes, money, shoes, Hi Fi, Tele, car, computer (!) house, skills, friends, etc.
We want a better car
We want to look a better man
We want to look a better woman
We want better clothes – e.g. Shoes
We want better stereo

Eve wanted power and that something special that God had said she was not to have....
SET SCENE FIRST
Gen 3:1-6

Arguments happen as well:
James 4:1-2 “Do you know what starts the fights and quarrels among you? These fights and quarrels start from you being selfish! You want all sorts of things but you do not get them. So you kill and are jealous of each other. But you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight.”

“If you are not satisfied with a little, you will never be satisfied with a lot”

Why Do We ...?

We think that things, and more/bigger/better things will make us happy.

We think that things will make us more loveable
We think that things will make us feel secure.
BUT only God can do all that

What To Do

Be careful what you think, dream about and want!
Dreaming can lead to action that could be wrong
Remember that having things will not make you feel any better

Do not be afraid – God will look after you.

Be happy with what you have, and grateful for what you have
“If you are not satisfied with a little, you will never be satisfied with a lot”

Be thankful all the time – try to thank God for what you do have not what you do not.
Life
Beautiful world
Have enough to eat
Have warm houses and beds
Have friends
and ...?

Look after what you do have

Put your effort into your relationships – friends, family, carers etc.

Be a giver – time, effort, help, what you can share etc.

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