

TENTH COMMANDMENT

8/27/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Title – “Tenth Commandment”
- Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)

- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- ## Tenth Commandment

Exod. 20:17 “You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor’s”

- Difference between Exodus 20:17 and Deuteronomy 5:21 – in the (King James Version)
- Some study papers say: “Two Different Verbs, the Same Desire”

Exod. 20:17 “You shall not covet.....”
 (“hamad” – Strong’s “2530” – “to covet, lust, desire; delight in”)

Deut. 5:21 “You shall not desire.....”
 (“awa” – #183 – “to crave, desire, yearn for, long for”)

- Some Christian-Living principles

1. God created people susceptible to lust

Rom. 1:24 God gave them up to uncleanness – in the lusts of their heart – to dishonor
their bodies among themselves

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie – who worshipped and serve
 the creature (the created), rather than the Creator

26 God gave them up to vile passions – their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature

27 likewise, the men (leaving the natural use of the woman) burned in their
lust for one another – men with men committing what is shameful,
and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error

28 God gave them over to a debased mind – to do things which are not fitting
29 including – covetousness, full of envy

2. Temptations of life

- Mark 4:18-19 parable of the sower – seeds sown among thorns
1. cares of this world
 2. deceitfulness of riches
 3. desires of things
- 1 John 2:16 lustful qualities in the world – are not of the Father
1. the lust of the flesh
 2. the lust of the eyes
 3. the pride of life
- 17 the lust of this world passes away

3. Disciples overcome past lusts

- Eph. 4:22 you put off – your former conduct – the old man grows corrupt, according to deceitful lusts
- Titus 3:3 we were once foolish – disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures – living in malice and envy
- 1 Pet. 1:13 gird up your loins – rest your hope fully upon the grace brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ
- 14 obedient children – not conforming to the former lusts – in our ignorance

4. Coveting is a Trigger

- Matt. 5:27-28 the Son of God said: “whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart
- James 1:13 do not say, “I am tempted by God” – “for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone”
- 14 “each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed”
- 15 “when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin” – “sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death”

5. Pattern of Sin

- Gen. 3:6 Eve – saw – desired – took
- Josh. 7:21 Achan – saw – coveted – took
- 2 Sam. 11:2-4 David – saw – inquired – lay with her
- Acts 8:18-19 Simon – saw – power – offered money

6. Pattern of Obedience

- Heb. 11:13 saw – embraced – confessed