



## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 19: THE NINTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS

#### Introduction

To *covet* means:

In the Ninth Commandment God forbids coveting our neighbor's non-living things. The Tenth Commandment speaks of living things – people and animals.

#### Examples of Coveting

- **Wanting something that God does not want you to have**

2 Samuel 12:9-10      [King David coveted the wife of Uriah]

- **Wanting something that belongs to someone else**

1 Kings 21:1-16      [King Ahab killed Naboth to get possession of his vineyard]

- **It is wrong to:**

- A. Want things that God clearly does not intend for us to have
- B. Want things that are forbidden to us
- C. Want things at the expense of others

- There are many things people can want which they know they cannot have. Coveting is being consumed with wanting something you can't have or would have to sin in order to get, such as:

- A. Someone else's wife or husband
- B. Someone else's house
- C. Someone else's money
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

God added these two commandments to teach the Israelites that it is sinful and forbidden to covet our neighbor's wife or property, or to have any designs upon them . . . God forbids anyone, even with specious pretext, to covet or scheme to despoil his neighbor of what belongs to him.

- Luther's *Large Catechism*

## Commandments of the Heart

- How are the Ninth and Tenth Commandments different from the other commandment?

Matthew 15:19

- This commandment shows us that God forbids sinful *thoughts* as well as sinful words and actions. Why do you think God is so concerned about sinful *thoughts*?
- Look up the following four Bible passages. See how sins of thought can lead to other sins.

1 John 3:15 \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 5:28 \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 6:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_

## God's Expectations

God expects us to be holy and perfect with regard to all the commandments (Leviticus 19:2), including the Ninth and Tenth which deal with the thoughts in our minds. When we look at this commandment, we see that we have sinned and need a Savior. We need the Lord Jesus to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

How can we fight against covetousness?

Psalm 51:10 (382)

Hebrews 13:5 (383)

## Assignment

- Memorize the Ninth and Tenth Commandments with Explanation (p. 86)