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*And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

**Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)**

### **Memory verse**

<sup>17</sup> **You shall not covet** your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**~ Exodus 20:17 (ESV)**

The Hebrew word covet means — *to desire, wish, long for, or crave something to a fault or detrimentally, especially the property of another person.*

**Application:** You shall be satisfied with what the Lord has provided. You shall be grateful even in times of want, recognizing what you do have. You shall be happy when people have things that are a blessing, even if you do not have them.

**Consequences of Disobeying the Tenth Commandment:**

- I am dissatisfied with what I have and complain to God
- I am more likely to go into debt and fall into other sins
- I allow what I covet to become an idol in my life

**Benefits of Obeying the Tenth Commandment:**

- I am able to enjoy God's blessings in my life
- I can be genuinely happy when others are blessed
- I trust God more and fight with others less

**HOW TO LIVE OUT THE TENTH COMMANDMENT**

**1. CHOOSE CONTENTMENT OVER COMPARISON**

*Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. <sup>8</sup> So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ~ 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)*

John D. Rockefeller was the first American billionaire, and at the time of his life, he was the wealthiest person in the world. Rockefeller had a net worth of about 1% of the entire US economy. He was once asked... John, how much money was enough; his response was **just a little bit more**.

*<sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for **I have learned how to be content with whatever I have**. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> **For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength**. ~ Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)*

**2. THANK GOD FOR WHAT I ALREADY HAVE**

**HOW OFTEN DO YOU THANK GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR YOU?**

Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> **Be thankful in all circumstances,** for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.** <sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved us and **chose us in Christ** to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance **to adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. <sup>6</sup> So we praise **God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us** who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup> He is so **rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom** with the blood of his Son and **forgave our sins.** <sup>8</sup> He has **showered his kindness on us,** along with all wisdom and understanding. ~ Ephesians 1:3-8 (NLT)

### 3. I TRUST THAT GOD WILL **MEET ALL MY NEEDS**

You shall have no other gods before me. ~ Exodus 23:3 (ESV)

Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing. ~ Psalm 34:10 (NLT)

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. ~ Psalm 37:25 (ESV)

You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ~ Deuteronomy 11:27 (NLT)

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Memorize Exodus 20:17
- Become a follower of Jesus today
- Choose to live happily with whatever I have
- Invite someone to church this week