

You Shall Not Covet....

Want Your Neighbors to Be Doing Well With What They Have.¹

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Forms of goodness related to these two commandments:

1. Love the Lord and your neighbor above yourself and the world.²
2. Let the Lord build a will of love within you.³
3. Let the good of faith and a desire for that good reign within you.⁴
4. Desire what is good.⁵
5. Entertain an affection for what is good and true.⁶
6. Have a will for good.⁷
7. Let a love for good and a will for good be central goals in your life.⁸
 - a. Let them be your very life.⁹
8. Will and intend what is good.¹⁰
 - a. Notes:
 - 1) A person is such as his or her will is.¹¹
 - 2) The will is the person him- or herself.¹²
9. Let love, mercy, peace, and goodness come forth from a heart that has been given to you by the Lord.¹³
10. Let a will for good go forth into words and action.¹⁴
11. Do what is good.¹⁵
12. Notes:
 - a. Will and action do not conflict with each other. Action is in the will, and the will is in the action.¹⁶
 - b. It is similar to effort and motion.¹⁷
 - 1) Motion is ongoing effort. When effort ceases, motion ceases.
 - 2) Therefore there is nothing essential in motion except effort. Effort is the essential element within motion.
 - 3) Effort in a person is will, and motion is action.
 - 4) Effort and motion in a person are living.
13. Let people enjoy the goods of love and truths of faith that are theirs, and support these things in them.¹⁸
 - a. Let people enjoy the following things, and support these things in them:¹⁹
 - 1) Good in general [meant by "house" in this commandment].
 - 2) Truth in general [meant by "wife" in this commandment].
 - 3) Desire for spiritual truth [meant by "male servant" in this commandment].
 - 4) Desire for spiritual good [meant by "female servant" in this commandment].
 - 5) Desire for earthly good [meant by "ox" in this commandment].
 - 6) Desire for earthly truth [meant by "donkey" in this commandment].

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Forms of goodness related to not coveting your neighbor's house:

1. Be in goodwill toward your neighbor from the Lord.²¹
2. Entertain desires that flow from love of the neighbor.²²
3. Let people enjoy their own houses and their own goods.²³
4. Let people enjoy their possessions and wealth.²⁴
5. Desire that people enjoy what is their own.²⁵
 - a. Note: That which is a person's own is also meant by a person's "house" in this commandment.²⁶
6. Love what is good.²⁷
7. Entertain a desire for what is good.²⁸
8. Desire, long for, and will what is good.²⁹

Forms of goodness related to not coveting your neighbor's wife, etc.:

1. Love of the Lord³⁰
2. A love of governing or ruling from a love of useful service.³¹
3. Desire that people enjoy what is their own³²
4. Note: Things that are a person's own include the following:³³
 - a. Desire for spiritual truth and good [meant by "wife" in this commandment].
 - b. Desire for rational truth that serves the spiritual part of the person [meant by "male servant" in this commandment].
 - c. Desire for rational good that serves the spiritual part of the person [meant by "female servant" in this commandment].
 - d. Desire for earthly good [meant by "ox" in this commandment].
 - e. Desire for earthly truth [meant by "donkey" in this commandment].
5. Entertain desires that flow from love of the Lord³⁴

Final note:

1. All goods and the truths flow from love of the Lord and love of the neighbor.³⁵

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Opening concepts:

1. People ought to do what is good.³⁷
2. Good is also to be wanted, desired, and willed.³⁸
3. Good relates not only to the outer self but also to the inner self.³⁹
4. The inner features of the church have to do with desiring what is good.⁴⁰

Forms of goodness related to these two commandments:

1. Desire and will all the forms of goodness that are outlined in the prior commandments.⁴¹
2. Desire things that are in harmony with the spirit.⁴²
3. Desire the spiritual things of the church.⁴³
4. Desire goodwill and faith.⁴⁴
5. Let your inner and outer self be one.⁴⁵
 - a. Note: This is what it means to be born anew.⁴⁶
6. Therefore, be born anew, that is, be regenerated and become an “internal” person from the Lord.⁴⁷
7. Let the desires of your flesh become linked to and governed by the affections, desires, and delights of the spirit.⁴⁸

Notes on desires of the spirit:⁴⁹

1. Desires of the spirit are what angels have.
 - a. Therefore, they are to be called truly human.
2. For this reason, to the extent that a person satisfies the desires of the spirit, he or she is a truly human being and an angel.
 - a. Therefore, satisfy the desires of the spirit.
3. Desires of the spirit may be compared to...
 - a. Juicy and delicious grapes; also to the taste of wine that is pressed from them.
 - b. Stables where there are noble horses, sheep, and lambs.
 - c. Gold.
 - d. Silver.
 - e. Rubies.

4. By comparison, the lusts of the flesh are like...
 - a. Shriveled and dried up grapes and wild grapes.
 - b. Stables where there are donkeys, goats, and pigs.
 - c. Dross.
 - d. Limestone.
 - e. Coral.

The connection between heavenly desire and action:⁵⁰

1. Heavenly desire and action are connected...
 - a. Like blood and flesh.
 - b. Like flame and oil.
2. Heavenly desire is within behavior...
 - a. As air from the lungs is within breathing or speaking.
 - b. As wind is in a sail when a ship is moving.
 - c. As water is on the wheel that gives motion and action to machinery.

Endnotes

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- ¹ TC 330
 - ² SH 8909, 8910:1
 - ³ SH 8910:1
 - ⁴ SH 8910:5
 - ⁵ SH 8910:1, 8911
 - ⁶ SH 8910:1-2, 5
 - ⁷ SH 8910:6
 - ⁸ SH 8911
 - ⁹ SH 8911
 - ¹⁰ SH 8910:1, 8911
 - ¹¹ SH 8911
 - ¹² SH 8911
 - ¹³ SH 8867, 8910:2
 - ¹⁴ SH 8910:3
 - ¹⁵ SH 8910:3
 - ¹⁶ SH 8911
 - ¹⁷ SH 8911 unless otherwise noted
 - ¹⁸ SH 8912
 - ¹⁹ SH 8912 unless otherwise noted
 - ²⁰ TC 330
 - ²¹ AE 949:3
 - ²² AE 1020:2, 1022:3
 - ²³ AE 935:2, 949:3
 - ²⁴ AE 1020:2
 - ²⁵ AE 1022:2
 - ²⁶ AE 1022:2
 - ²⁷ AE 1020:2
 - ²⁸ AE 1020:2
 - ²⁹ AE 1020:2, 1022:3
 - ³⁰ AE 949:3
 - ³¹ AE 935:2, 949:3
 - ³² AE 1022:2
 - ³³ AE 1022:2 unless otherwise noted
 - ³⁴ AE 1020:2, 1022:3
 - ³⁵ AE 1022:3
 - ³⁶ TC 330
 - ³⁷ TC 326
 - ³⁸ TC 326
 - ³⁹ TC 326
 - ⁴⁰ TC 326
 - ⁴¹ TC 326, 327
 - ⁴² TC 327
 - ⁴³ TC 327
 - ⁴⁴ TC 327
 - ⁴⁵ TC 326
 - ⁴⁶ TC 326
 - ⁴⁷ TC 326
 - ⁴⁸ TC 328

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- ⁴⁹ TC 328 unless otherwise noted
 - ⁵⁰ TC 328 unless otherwise noted