

Question 101

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Q101. What is the tenth commandment?

A101. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Scripture Base: Gen. 3:6; Ex20:17; Josh 7:20-21;
1 Kings 21:1-13

Doctrine: WCF:26 SC: 79-81

Supplementary Questions

1. What does it mean to covet?
2. Can it be used in a good sense?
3. When is it used in a wrong sense?
4. What can coveting lead to?

Song: The Ten Commandments - J Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q99. What is the ninth commandment?

- *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

Q100. What does the ninth commandment teach you?

- *To tell the truth.*

Story: Gen. 3:6 Adam & Eve. Also, review Achan's sin (Josh 7:20-21) and Ahab' covetousness (1 Kings 21).

Supplementary Questions

1. It means to want something very strongly.
2. Yes. "But covet earnestly the best gifts" (1 Cor. 12:31; KJV). Sometimes we say, "I covet your prayers," because we want someone to pray for us.
3. When you strongly desire something that you shouldn't want or have. This is what the tenth commandment forbids. **Eve** desired something she shouldn't have: the fruit from the forbidden tree (Gen. 3:6). Their coveting and eating this fruit resulted in the death of all their children.
Achan coveted the forbidden treasures of Jericho, (Josh 7:20-21). This resulted in the deaths of both Achan and his household, since their sin caused the death of several Israelites. **King Ahab** coveted Naboth's vineyard. Because of this, Jezebel hired men to accuse Naboth falsely so that she might put him to death (1 Kings 21).
4. Coveting is a sin of the heart. It's very often the reason why we're not as happy as we could otherwise be. It also often leads to other sins such as complaining against God, stealing or even murder (Ahab's example).

Gospel: What is in your heart? Covetousness or contentment? Worldly things satisfy for a short while ('fading is the worldling's pleasure') but only Jesus can satisfy eternally ('solid joys & lasting treasure').

Turn from the world to Christ today!

Activity: Learn the commandment Jigsaw
W/S 5-10 continued.

Song: 10 Commandments