



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: The Ten Commandments, How Free People Live - You Shall Not Covet**

**Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor**

**Scripture: Exodus 20:17**

“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 belongs to your neighbor.”

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**Sermon Outline:**

1. Free people are joyfully content.
2. You are to be different from society.
3. Coveting is having an intense desire for something someone else has that often leads to pursuing it.
4. Admiring is not coveting. Desiring is not coveting. Coveting is "I want what you have"
5. You know you are coveting when your longing for something leads to greater dissatisfaction and disconnection.
6. Coveting is the gateway into violating the other commandments.
7. Be content. In Jesus Christ you have and are enough.
8. Acknowledge the gifts you already have.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Pastor Rich Villodas finishes the series on the ten commandments. This week we focus on the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment, you shall not covet.

**Sermon Questions:**

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- In your family of origin, were there ways your family compared itself to others? Were there other ideals or possessions that were pursued because other family members, friends, or neighbors had it?
- Either small or large, share a time when you saw something someone else had, and you just "had to have it too".
- What do you desire today? Material things? A lifestyle? Success? Independence? Prosperity? Security? Intimacy? What actions have you taken to reach those desires? How can that desire turn to coveting and then lead to the breaking of other commandments?
- What does this say about our dissatisfaction in life? What's the story you are telling yourself that you do not have enough \_\_\_\_\_?
- What gifts in your life can you acknowledge today?