



DO NOT COVET

Introduction:

I. BAD NEWS FOR _____ PEOPLE

A. The Definition of Covetousness

B. The Devilishness of Covetousness

- 1) Coveting promotes wrong priorities - _____ .
- 2) Coveting challenges God's position as the sovereign Giver of gifts - _____ .
- 3) Coveting hinders a person from trusting God - _____ .
- 4) Coveting prevents a person from loving others - _____ .
- 5) Coveting is a contagious disease - _____ .

II. SCARY NEWS FOR _____ PEOPLE

A. The Pervasiveness of this Sin

B. The Pronouncement of the New Testament

I Corinthians 6:9-10

Ephesians 5:5

Matthew 6:19-21

I Timothy 6:3-10

III. GOOD NEWS FOR _____

A. Facing the Problem

B. Finding the Provision

1) Recognize _____ .

2) Review _____ .

3) Respond _____ .

4) Resist _____ .

5) Rely _____ .

Conclusion:

John 13:34

Matthew 22:37-40

“Truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder, it is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions - they are commandments. *Are*, not *were*. The sheer beauty of the commandments is that they codify in a handful of words acceptable human behavior, not just for then or now, but for all time.”

– Ted Kopple

Food for Thought:

- 1) What is the difference between coveting and desire?
- 2) Why does discontent breed covetousness?
- 3) What are some “griefs” you have observed or experienced from the love of money? (see I Tim. 6:3-10)
- 4) Why do you think this commandment was given last? How does covetousness pervade many of them?