

# MINE

## Thou shall not covet

*“You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.” Exodus 20:17*

**Definition: To have an inordinate or wrongful desire; often without regard to others**

*“Now there was a man named Naboth, from Jezreel, who owned a vineyard in Jezreel beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. One day Ahab said to Naboth, ‘Since your vineyard is so convenient to my palace, I would like to buy it to use as a vegetable garden. I will give you a better vineyard in exchange, or if you prefer, I will pay you for it.’ But Naboth replied, ‘The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance that was passed down by my ancestors.’ So Ahab went home angry and sullen because of Naboth’s answer. The king went to bed with his face to the wall and refused to eat! ‘What’s the matter?’ his wife Jezebel asked him. ‘What’s made you so upset that you’re not eating?’ ‘I asked Naboth to sell me his vineyard or trade it, but he refused!’ Ahab told her. ‘Are you the king of Israel or not?’ Jezebel demanded. ‘Get up and eat something, and don’t worry about it. I’ll get you Naboth’s vineyard!’” 1 Kings 21:1-7*

*“When Jezebel heard the news, she said to Ahab, ‘You know the vineyard Naboth wouldn’t sell you? Well, you can have it now! He’s dead!’ So Ahab immediately went down to the vineyard of Naboth to claim it.” 1 Kings 21:15-16*

*“So now the LORD says, ‘I will bring disaster on you and consume you. I will destroy every one of your male descendents, slave and free alike, anywhere in Israel! I am going to destroy your family as I did the family of Jeroboam son of Nebat and the family of Baasha son of Ahijah, for you have made me very angry and have led Israel into sin.’” 1 Kings 21:21-22*

## When we covet we:

Impact those closest to us

Fail to see both sides

Bring out our dark side

Neglect “The Land of Enough”... In search of “The Land of More”...  
Still looking for “The Land of Everything”

1 Kings 21:1

## Coveting brings out all the Commandments

### Not for God, but for us...to protect us

*“So Moses went down to the people and told them what the LORD had said.” Exodus 19:25*

*“When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram’s horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. And they said to Moses, ‘You speak to us, and we will listen. But don’t let God speak directly to us, or we will die!’ ‘Don’t be afraid,’ Moses answered them, ‘for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!’”*

*Exodus 20:18-20*

Thou shall not:

- Have any other gods
- Make idols
- Misuse God’s name

Thou shall:

- Remember the Sabbath
- Honor your father and mother

Thou shall not:

- Murder
- Commit Adultery
- Steal
- Testify Falsely
- Covet

### It’s a heart issue

*“For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.” Matthew 15:19*

*“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” Proverbs 4:23*

## What’s going on in your heart?

## Give it to God

*John Stott’s Daily Reflections—pages 61-68  
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