

Bible Lessons on the Number TWO Two Tablets-- Commandment 10

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Two Tablets: Commandment 10

Exodus 20:17
You shall not covet...

Exodus 20:17 you shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does 'covet' mean?

It's wanting something that belongs to someone else and is not yours. It's also wanting things that are forbidden to you and you're not allowed to have.

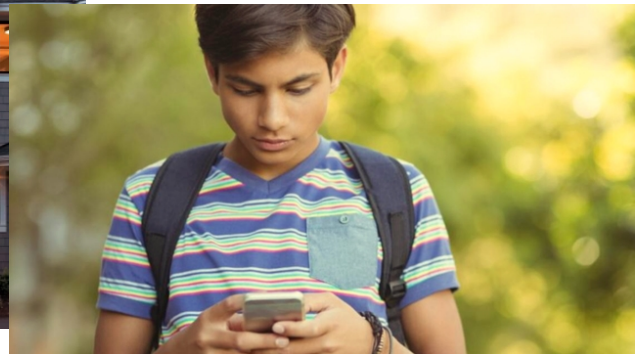
Like:

Wanting your brother's toy.

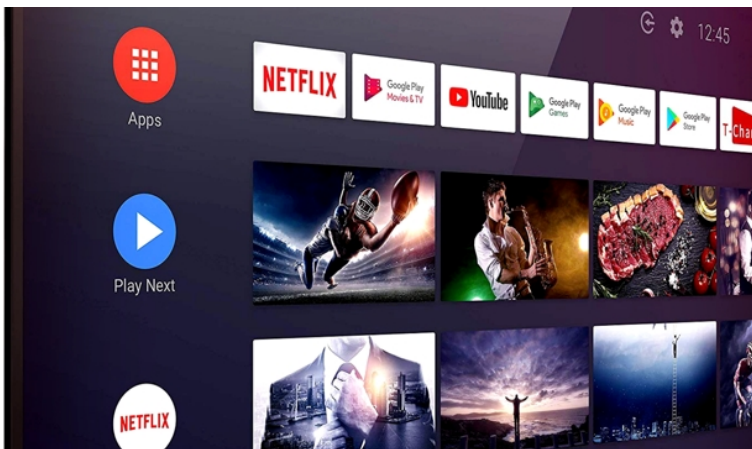


Or maybe wanting your friend's cool shirt.

Wanting your neighbor's big, awesome house.



Or maybe wanting a phone like your friend has.



It could also be wanting to watch a show that your Dad and Mom say not to.

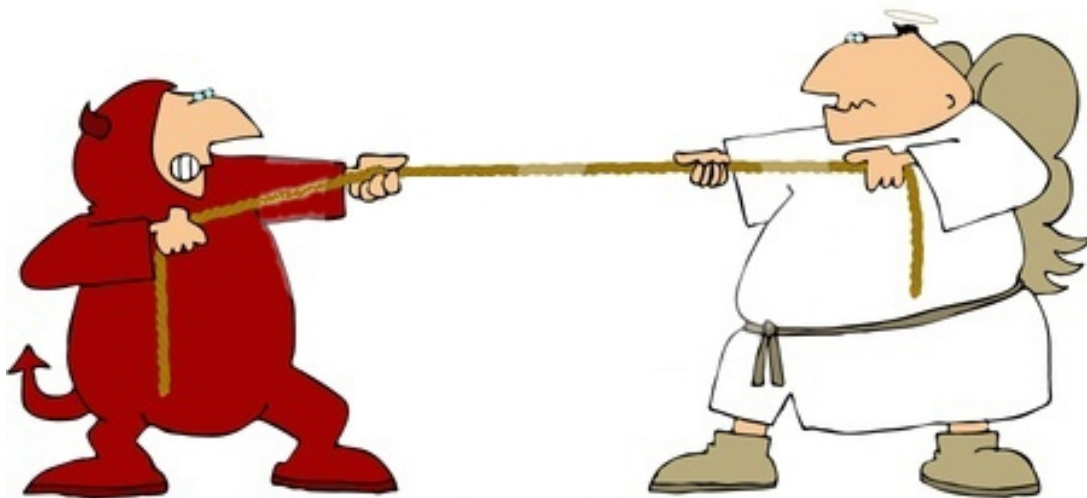
This isn't just a *little* wanting to have like, "oh that would be nice to have." Instead it's A LOT of the feeling of **WANTING** that thing--to the point where maybe you would talk yourself into stealing it, or even disobeying your dad or mom because you want it so much.



Thinking about a thing all the time, admiring it, going over and over in your mind... That's the problem with coveting and why God says to stay away from it.



Because if you keep focusing on wanting that something that you can't have, you will eventually allow the "**bad guy**" in your conscience to win.



And remember... what's outside the door waiting to get in?
Yes! The Tiger who wants to eat you!

“Sin is crouching at the door and you must master it.”
(Genesis 4:6-7)

Remember how Cain didn't master or control his anger and he opened that door; and what happened?



The Tiger got him and he killed his brother!

It's the same with coveting and wanting other peoples stuff or the thing what you're told you can't have. If you keep thinking on it and wanting to have it—that's a Tiger outside your door just waiting to get you!

And God says, “You must master it.”

There was a man named Judas who was a follower of Jesus, and the Bible says he loved money.

He thought about and money so much that when the people who hated Jesus offered to give him money if he would help them capture Jesus, Judas agreed to do it. :-)



Judas probably didn't think anything bad would happen. He might have even loved Jesus and somehow thought he was helping. However, because he was coveting money and thinking about WANTING more and more of it, then when the offer came to pay him if he would betray Jesus, he couldn't stop himself and he said 'yes'.



Then they took Jesus away and eventually crucified him.

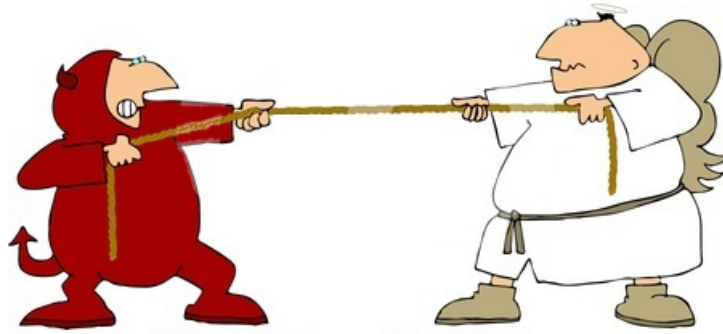
That's the problem with coveting. It seems like it's not really a big deal to want things, but if you're not careful the wanting can get out of control and cause you to make choices, even today, that can hurt Jesus and break his heart. We can all be a Judas if we're not careful.



The Bible says, "...Be satisfied with what you have, for God has said, I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13.5.

Jesus is with us always and so when we catch ourselves thinking how much we want something that someone else has, or how much we want to do the things God or our dad and mother have said we shouldn't—that's when we must watch out!





We must tell the bad guy in our conscience: “No! The Lord is my helper and I will not be afraid. I belong to Jesus and I’m going to listen and follow what he says!”



The End

Dedicated to:

Josiah, Caleb, Johnathan, Adam, Caity, Zachy, Isaac, and Rykie

May Jesus be your everything. Love, Grandma