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## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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# 18-106-30      YOU SHALL NOT COVET

:00 – 4:50    Terry gives an overview of the context for the Ten Commandments. God establishing a relationship to his people through two master covenants. The commandments are the “fine print” of God’s expression of how to live in his will. This can only be done through relationship with the Holy Spirit, the great enabler.

4:50 Exodus 20:17 The tenth commandment – “You shall not covet”. This commandment has its focus upon our inner being and our thoughts specifically. The other nine commandments imply the inward process, but they are mostly stated as relating to actions themselves. Coveting is a part of all the other commandments. The outward behavior reflects an inner thought.

9:15 Teaching on Concupiscence. Four stages of development from dim and vague to final action.

14:15 1 Corinthians 12:31 The term “Desire” can be a transliteration of the Greek word (Zeloo - G2206) which can also mean covet. It is a zealous desire.

Terry is going to look at each of the Commandments in light of “Coveting”.

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15:30 Exodus 20:3 The first commandment: You shall have no other gods before me. Reference Job 31:24-28 Coveting related to materialism. Everyone worships something.

20:30 Matthew 6:21,24 Jesus says For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. You cannot serve God and money.

21:25 Exodus 20:4-6 The second commandment: You shall not establish any idols. An idol is something man worships in place of God. Reference Ephesians 5:5 A covetous person is an idolater. Reference Colossians 3:5 Covetousness is idolatry.

Not all desire is evil.

25:00 Exodus 20:7 The third commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord. Reference Acts 5:1-10 Ananias and Sapphira. Claiming to honor God while coveting honor for themselves and trying to retain money, while giving the impression that they gave it all.

27:40 Exodus 20:8-11 The fourth commandment: Keep the Sabbath day holy. The principal of one in seven as a day of rest and later a day of worship is violated when we covet other things to the extent that the day of rest and worship is eliminated to acquire more of what we really desire.

29:05 Exodus 20:12 The fifth commandment: Honor your father and mother. Reference Matthew 15:1-5 The Temple priests coveted the money that children would have used to support their parents.

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30:30 Exodus 20:13 The sixth commandment: You shall not murder. Reference James 4:1-2 You murder because you first covet something.

31:35 Exodus 20:14 The seventh commandment: You shall not commit adultery. Coveting sexual pleasures outside of marriage – God's provision.

32:15 Exodus 20:15 The eighth commandment: You shall not steal. Coveting things of others.

32:30 Exodus 20:16 The ninth commandment: You shall not bear false witness. Lying to obtain something. Reference Matthew 28:12-13.

33:10 Exodus 20:17 The tenth commandment: You shall not covet. The summary command. Reference 1 Timothy 6:10 The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

35:00 Overcoming covetousness – Teaching. Desire precedes temptation. Temptation precedes rationalization, and rationalization precedes action.

36:10 2 Corinthians 10:5 Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. Stop it at the first instance of thought, not after it has built up.

Ex. 20:17 “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.”

1Cor. 12:31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And now I will show you the most excellent way.

Ex. 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

Job 31:24 “If I have put my trust in gold  
or said to pure gold, ‘You are my security,’  
25 if I have rejoiced over my great wealth,  
the fortune my hands had gained,  
26 if I have regarded the sun in its radiance  
or the moon moving in splendor,  
27 so that my heart was secretly enticed  
and my hand offered them a kiss of homage,  
28 then these also would be sins to be judged,  
for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.

Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matt. 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Ex. 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand[ generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Eph. 5:5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Col. 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Ex. 20:7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Acts 5:1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Acts 5:3 Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Acts 5:5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

Acts 5:7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

Acts 5:9 Peter said to her, “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

Acts 5:10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Ex. 20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your

son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Matt. 15:1 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

Matt. 15:3 Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ 5 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,’

Ex. 20:13 “You shall not murder.

James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

Ex. 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15  
“You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Matt. 28:12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’

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1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with

many griefs.

2Cor. 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.