

Tuesday, August 16

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1. When we begin to set our hearts on something that does not belong to us, how does it affect our attitude toward what does belong to us?
2. In what way does this begin a snowball effect, increasing our discontent in what we have over time?
3. What part of our heart longs for what it doesn’t have? Is it a good part, or a bad part? Why?
4. How long does the satisfaction last when we get something we have desperately longed for? Does it satisfy the heart?
5. Who has determined what we have and what we don’t?
6. Why do you think God has determined to give certain things to some people and not to others?
 - a. To what degree do you think God makes these decisions based on his spiritual work in our lives?
7. How might deciding to be content with what you currently have change your perspective on those things?
 - a. How much work might you begin to put into them which you weren’t doing before?
 - b. Do you think you might rediscover the goodness in those gifts?
8. Would you be willing to do that for a certain period of time, deciding not to even consider desiring more than you have in one area of life?

KTFK: choose to / with what / will discover / would never / received, we / treasure we / When we / we have / have believed. / be content

Song: “A Little that the Righteous Hold”

Prayer: “I thank you, LORD God, for the incredible riches you have poured upon me. Forgiven me for ever turning my eyes toward things you have not given, and in so doing, having failed to care for and appreciate the gifts I have. Help me to rejoice in your gifts in a way that most fully rejoices in you, their giver. Amen.”

Wednesday, August 17

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1. Why do people covet their neighbor’s wife (or husband)?
2. How seriously do you think people seek to live out their call from God as married people when they covet the spouses of others?
3. What ongoing effect do you think this has on their marriage?
4. What would it look like for such a person to decide that they are going to redirect their mental, emotional, and physical energy in re-investing in their marriage partner?

a. What kinds of things would they do more of?

b. What kinds of things would they do less of?

5. What do you think the effect of this would be in their spouse?
6. Do you think God would honor this kind of living?
 - a. What might be the result of that?
7. How might these same dynamics work in the lives of those who are single but wish they were married?

KTFK: and give / give ourselves / we have, / to whom / joy starts. / not dream / is where / them our / Let us / of another / for that / hearts, but

Song: “Fill Thou My Life”

Prayer: “LORD God, I thank you for what you have given me in the area of marriage, for my spouse or for my singleness. Help me to rededicate myself to being what you call me to be in this life that I might experience the joys that are locked within what I have already received. Amen.”

Thursday, August 18

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1. Why do people often covet their neighbors’ houses?
2. What is it about their neighbors’ houses that they covet?
3. In our modern world, along with our neighbors’ houses, what other things of this type might we covet of our neighbors?
4. Why is it that we feel such a need to keep up with the Jones’s?
5. Have you ever secretly rejoiced when you knew that someone else really wished they had what you have? Where does that come from?
6. Does having more things or larger things or newer things create a simpler or a more complicated life?
7. Read Proverbs 30:7-9.
 - a. What motivation does the author of these verses have for what he is asking of God?
 - b. How does this approach help to keep one content with what one has?
8. What would it look like to decide to be content with the houses (or similar things) that God has already given?

KTFK: but when / to bring / bring the / the pain. / the simple / Aiming for / we start / we covet / life will / earthly things / greatest gain,

Song: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Prayer: “LORD God, with Agur I pray that you would ‘give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?”’ or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.’ Amen.”

Friday, August 19

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1. Why might we covet our neighbor’s field?
2. What might this equate to in our world today? What do people have that provides for their living?
3. What is it about someone else’s vocation that we might covet?
4. What is the difference between coveting the job or income that someone else has and being inspired by their example?
5. How does the 10th commandment relate to the other commandments in the second table?
6. Do you think it’s true that if we can get the 10th commandment right we will be a long way toward getting the other 5 commandments in this table right as well?
7. What tangible steps are you willing to commit to in order to live with more commitment in all these areas of life?

KTFK: when you / you want / you can / hard when / “Enough!” / your neighbor / To love / do it / have said, / stuff, but / is quite / really well / all their

Song: “He Leadeth Me”

Prayer: “LORD, help me this day to put away my covetousness that I might more fully and truly be able to love my neighbor. Amen.”

Saturday, August 20

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Aug 15 - Wanting what / you do / not have / will tie / your life / in knots, / and lead / your heart / away from / God just / because you / don't have / lots.
Aug 16 - When we / choose to / be content / with what / we have / received, we / will discover / treasure we / would never / have believed.
Aug 17 - Let us / not dream / of another / and give / them our / hearts, but / give ourselves / to whom / we have, / for that / is where / joy starts.
Aug 18 - Aiming for / the simple / life will / bring the / greatest gain, / but when / we covet / earthly things / we start / to bring / the pain.
Aug 19 - To love / your neighbor / is quite / hard when / you want / all their / stuff, but / you can / do it / really well / when you / have said, / “Enough!”

Family Worship 2022

August 15 - 20

Deuteronomy 5:21

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily
KTFK - Key Thought for Kids (Answers on back page)

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Monday, August 15 - Read Luke 12:13-31

1. Why does Jesus tell us to be on guard against all covetousness?
2. What does “being on guard” against it look like? How can we be on guard?
3. Why is covetousness such an easy thing to fall into?
4. What kinds of things do you find yourself most often coveting? Why?
5. How does coveting lead to anxiety?
6. How do coveting and anxiety lead us away from God?
7. Do anxiety and coveting lead to a very enjoyable life?
8. How does the thought that one day our souls will be required of us help to live in this world without living for the things of this world?
9. Do you think anyone ever grieved on their deathbed because they had not had enough stuff?

KTFK: in knots, / away from / your life / your heart / not have / don’t have / God just / because you / you do / and lead / lots. / will tie / Wanting what

Song: “A Little that the Righteous Hold”

Prayer: “Lord, forgive me for so often falling into the thinking that my life does in some way consist in the abundance of what I have. Help me to guard myself from this and to live this life in peace and contentment with you, enjoying the blessings you provide each day, as simple as they may be, as I look forward to life in the kingdom that is to come. Amen.”