

## “The Other Man’s Grass Is Always Greener”

*Exodus 20:17*

### What Does the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment Mean?

Instead of wrongly **desiring** what God has given to someone else, we must learn to be **delighted** with what He has provided us.

- Christianity celebrates **godly** desire.
  - Find joy in the blessings of God’s **creation**.
  - Find joy in the fruit of human **labor**.
- Christianity condemns **warped** desire.
  - When you want something that does not **belong** to you.
  - When wanting something leads to **discontentment**.

### Why Does the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment Matter?

- Covetousness has a social dimension. . .
  - It creates **conflict** with neighbors.
- Covetousness has an internal dimension. . .
  - It reveals **rottenness** in our soul.
- Covetousness has a spiritual dimension. . .
  - It prevents **pursuit** of God.

### How Can We Keep the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment?

- Fight covetousness by **exposing** its presence in your life.
  - Are you willfully **hurting** others to get what you want?
  - Are you fully **consumed** with getting more?
  - Are you forcefully **grasping** what you already have?
  - Are you routinely **grumbling** about your life?
- Fight covetousness by **finding** satisfaction in God’s provision.
  - He gives to you based on his infinite **wisdom**.
  - He gives to you based on his immeasurable **love**.
- Fight covetousness by **examining** how the rat race ends.
- Fight covetousness by **desiring** God as the greatest possession.

