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# Your Neighbors Are Dangerous

*“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”  
(Exodus 20:17)*

*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said,  
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say,*

*“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5–6)*

## Sermon Main Points:

- I. Why?
  - A. Not because they...
  - B. But because you (and I)...
- II. How Do I Know?
  - A. A word study of “neighbor’s”
  - B. Succinctly expressed (Exodus 20:17)
  - C. Theologically explained (Romans 7:7-12)
  - D. Personally experienced
- III. So What? (Hebrews 13:5-6)
  - A. We need forgiveness *for*
  - B. We need freedom *from*
  - C. We need Christ! (Matthew 13:44)

## Discussion Questions

1. How does locating the root of our covetousness as our sin rather than other people’s possessions change our perspective?
2. In what ways do you experience covetousness in your own life?
3. What promises has Christ given you that free you from covetousness?

**Going Deeper**

1. What is the opposite of covetousness? How do we find it in Christ? How do you know?
2. C.S. Lewis once said that we “[get] no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man.” What does this reveal about covetousness?